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DISASTROUS FLOODS IN CHINA

Death Toll Of 20,000 Reported In Hunan

"RICE BOWL" AREA HIT

Canton, June 15.
The Communist Southward offensive was reported bogged down today by floods that have taken 20,000 lives in China's "rice bowl."

The death toll was reported by the Nationalist official Central News Agency. It gave no source for the report, which was not confirmed elsewhere.

Central News said the flood victims were in the Hengyang area, about 270 airline miles North of this refugee capital on the Canton-Hankow railway. Hengyang is in Hunan Province, one of China's richest rice-producing areas.

If the flood situation is as serious as the news agency indicates, crops will suffer heavy damage.

Government railway sources here said trains were running to Hengyang and some reported the floods were subsiding.

Central News also reported that the Kweichow provincial capital of Kweichow had been damaged extensively by floods. Kweichow borders Hunan on the West.

Nationalist military sources reported that the Red drive to the South. They said high water had damaged roads around Nanchang in Northern Jiangxi Province, where the Reds have heavy troops concentrations. Nanchang is 400 miles North East of Canton.

Floods Affect Nationalists

Floods in that area presumably would affect also those Nationalist forces grouped along the East side of the Changsha-Hengyang section of the Canton-Hankow rail line.

A railway spokesman said through trains from Hunan Province to go to Changsha in Hunan from today, as the Canton-Hankow railway is no longer flooded.

He said all was quiet in North Hunan and local trains can proceed from Changsha Northward to Yochow.

Reports on the dangerous rise of the Yangtze River level are now reaching Nanking daily, with the local radio station broadcasting regular bulletins on the water levels at the river ports downstream from Hankow.

The river level at Hankow was reported to have registered 25 metres on June 12. This is only three metres below the record high mark. The water was said to have risen at Nanchang in Jiangxi to 23 metres, only one metre below the record high level.

Nationalists Reach Sian

The Kuomintang-operated Central News Agency said Chinese cavalry and infantry units yesterday reached the outskirts of Sian, former capital of Shanxi Province in North West China, while other Nationalist troops hammered at Hailuogang 28 miles to the West on June 15 after inflicting 3,000 casualties and capturing five field guns, more than 10 motorcycles and hundreds of rifles.

The Weather

AT 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) an anticyclone extends from Indo-China SE to a depression over the Eastern Sea, between E and ENE to a depression, 10 of Sian, Japan. Both depressions are moving ENE. Pressure has fallen over the China Sea but remains mainly weak.

Today's Forecast: Moderate S to SW winds, variable in showers, mainly in the morning.

Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum: 77.3 deg. F.
Minimum: 62.3 deg. F.
Sunshine: 1.5 hours
Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1: 40.6 mm (1.6 in). No. of days with rain: 10. Average of 71.5 mm (2.8 in).
Radiation: 10.5 cal/cm. sq. (4.4 Btu/sq. ft.)

Baro. at sea level: 1009.9 mm (30.0 in).
Humidity: 74%
Rel. Humidity: 74%
Wind: S.W. 10 to 15 mph.
Wind Direction: S.W. 10 to 15 mph.
Tide: High 10:15, Low 4:15.
Moon: Full 10:15, New 4:15.

Aircraft Carriers For HK

Singapore, June 15.
Admiral Sir Patrick Brind, Commander-in-Chief of Britain's Far East Naval Station, said yesterday aircraft carriers would be provided for the defence of Hong Kong, if they were needed.

Admiral Brind said he was satisfied the Admiralty is taking all steps necessary for the protection of the Crown colony. Associated Press.

Tientsin Conditions Improving

Shanghai, June 15.
Conditions in Tientsin have made rapid improvement during the past month with factory production increased, many new shops reopening and free travel of foreigners now permitted to Peiping and Manchuria, according to a telephone message received from a Tientsin business by a Russian newspaper in Shanghai.

The informant said the Communists released many political prisoners.

New stores are opening and the demand for factory output is increasing. Large quantities of goods from Manchuria and abroad can be seen in the stores.

Cafes, movies and other entertainment places are thriving. No foreign newspapers have resumed publication yet.

Cultural Conference

Twenty-seven local delegates to the All-China Cultural Workers' Conference will leave for Peiping on June 20, says Reuter.

ITALIAN STRIKES SPREADING

Rome, June 15.
Extra police forces were being posted throughout Italy today as an estimated two million workers in Italian country districts opened a 24-hour strike in support of the 1,600,000 farm workers who are already on strike.

The striking farm workers won a minor victory yesterday when the Government agreed to raise their cost-of-living allowance. The main issue of the strike—the union demands for national wage contracts—remains unsettled. Reuter.

Move South Awaited

General Ku Chu-Tung, Chief of Staff of the Ministry of National Defence, told the Cabinet meeting today that there would be no big fighting until Communist General Lin Biao sent down his troops South from the border region of Hunan, Hupei and Kiangsi. It was reliably learned here.

Although General Chen Kang had concentrated three Communist army groups totalling nine armies at Fanchien, Nanchang and Changsha in central Kiangsi, these troops could not engage in large scale fighting without help from General Lin Biao or General Chen Yi, General Ku said.

It was reported earlier that General Lin Biao's troops were spread over Hupei and Hunan area totalling ten armies. General Ku said that General Chen Yi's troops still remained at Nanking, Shanghai and in the Hangchow area.

President Yen Hsi-shan's Cabinet in its first regular meeting today dismissed General Chen from the post of Governor of Hunan and appointed Mr. Chao Tse-li as successor.

General Chiang defeated the Communist tide before Hunan Province was totally lost to the Communists. Associated Press and Reuter.



Guests in period costumes arrive in old fashioned vehicles at Maxim's, famous Paris restaurant on the Rue Royale, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its opening. (AP Photo)

Jap Police Oust Strikers From Hiroshima Plant

Hiroshima, June 15.
Two thousand Japanese police held firm control of the Japan steel manufacturing plant at atom-bombed Hiroshima after ejecting 2,500 sitdown strikers, including union workers, Communist agitators, Korean and Japanese men and women college students early today.

Reports on the number injured in two clashes with the police varied. The Kyodo news agency said a total of 20 police and 101 members of the mob which had seized the plant were hurt. Occupation intelligence reports received in Tokyo indicated only a slightly lower number.

Japanese rural police headquarters here said they had received no reports on injuries but did not imply there were none.

Rural police reports identified many of those who defied the Military Government and the Hiroshima Prefecture's Governor's orders closing the plant—earmarked for reparations but allowed to operate—as known Communists and members of unions other than that of the plant.

British Control

The area in which the plant is located is under British control. Eighth Army officials seeking information on the incident first were told no injuries occurred when the police took over the plant at 6 a.m. Later they received a report that "about 30" were injured in a clash at a plant gate about 10:30 a.m. when police drove away a crowd of 400 who were obstructing workmen attempting to make repairs of destruction caused when police broke in.

The reason for closing the plant could not be determined. It normally employs about 2,000.

Rural police headquarters reported trouble on June 11 when the company served notice that 608 workers would be dismissed. The union rejected the notice and someone tore down notices posted in the plant. The next day about

Chinese Asked To Form Street Guards

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce has been asked to assist in the setting up of a Street Guards organization, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

A similar scheme, sponsored by merchants in Queen's Road, Central, a few months ago, was rejected by the police authorities.

Yesterday it was learned that the authorities concerned have written to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce on the subject and requested the Chamber to sponsor the establishment of Street Guards, as an auxiliary police unit.

The organization will be operated on lines similar to the Street Guards before the war. Each block of shops will be required to form its individual organization from among its shop assistants.

There will be one central body, controlling the Street Guards. This body will be under the Commissioner of Police.

Shanghai Police Heads Purged: City Beset By Labour Troubles

Shanghai, June 15.
A purge of the local police leadership and reported despatch of two fishing craft fitted with the necessary equipment to sweep the lower Yangtze River of possible Nationalist mines, marked the start of the fourth week of Shanghai's liberation today.

The police reshuffle affected all chiefs and deputy chiefs of the city's police stations, who had served under the former Kuomintang regime. They were relieved of their posts and succeeded by men appointed by the newly formed Public Safety Bureau of the Shanghai People's City Government.

Other ranks had previously been given the option of continuing at their jobs or resigning with the majority deciding to remain.

The first concrete move to clear Shanghai's lifeline—the shipping route to the sea—came seven days after reports that Nationalist warships had mined the mouth of the Yangtze river and caused the closure of the harbour.

Both craft which sailed for the lower Yangtze this afternoon were said to have been manned by specially selected crews, including at least two foreigners. The mine sweeping equipment they carried, however, was described as "crude" although according to naval observers, "adequate" for the present mission.

In expectation of an all-clear signal tomorrow, when the improved minesweepers—owned by the Fishing Rehabilitation Administration—are expected to return, both the Butterfield and Swire Shipping and the American liner China Victory were to night preparing to end their week-long immobilisation.

The Egyptian-flagged Star of Suez sailed for Taku Bay this morning after waiting vainly one night outside the mouth of the Yangtze for a clarification of the mining situation.

Her agents, however, said that the vessel would enter port to discharge her 2,000 tons of general cargo if on her return trip some days hence, the Shanghai harbour is officially declared safe.

Inter-Port Shipping

Meanwhile, Shanghai foreign shipping interests have been heartened by the official announcement that foreign vessels "in case of necessity" and with special approval, may carry passengers or cargo from Shanghai to other China coast ports.

Under the Nationalist regime foreign ships were prohibited from taking on passengers or cargo from Shanghai to any other Chinese port.

Today's regulation said: "Steamships flying the flags of foreign nations, which had entered the port of Shanghai, may be specially permitted by the Department of Trade (of the Military Government Commission) in case of necessity, to carry passengers or cargo from Shanghai to another port along the China coast."

The announcement also laid down the procedure to be observed by foreign shipping companies in applying for permission for their vessels to enter or leave port.

Currency Conversion

The Bank of China was today again besieged by large crowds of people seeking to convert their foreign currencies. Business was reported to be dull on the official

Basis of Payment

Mr. Gould and Mr. Douglas inquired on what basis the workers would accept payment today and

Query On Mining

In Canton, British official sources confirmed yesterday they had asked the Nationalist Chinese Government informally if its vessels had mined the Yangtze, reports Associated Press.

The American sources were said to have asked the same question. No answer, these sources said, had been received.

Both British and American sources were inclined to be sceptical of reports that the river's mouth had been mined.

For the fifth day since Shanghai's liberation, the mine reports—Reuter and Associated Press.

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Servicemen Victimized By Local Underworld

A glimpse of the squalid life led by the thousands of street women in Hong Kong and Kowloon was obtained by a "China Mail" reporter when he went with a party of RAF Police to a bar, cafes and hotels where these women operate. He was also present at several raids.

The RAF Police Anti-Vice Squad were dressed in civilian clothes and worked in close co-operation with the Civil Police.

Protected by an efficient underworld intelligence system and said to be in league with some taxi-drivers, ricksha coolies and hotel boys, the women are said to be doing a sizable trade concentrating their attention on young Servicemen.

Cafes, dance-halls and bars are their favourite hunting grounds. At one well-known bar no less than six street women were spotted shortly after midnight, even though the evening was described as "unusually tame." Dozens of men were seen in this place. In another cafe, bar in Kowloon quite a few waitresses were seen dancing with customers and deliberately encouraging them to drink cheap liquor.

Men, many of them intoxicated, coming out of these establishments were immediately surrounded by pimps soliciting, with ricksha-coolies tugging at elbows and shoe-shine boys picking pockets as a side-line. Ricksha-coolies and taxi-drivers frequently volunteered to take their customers to girls' rooms. Sometimes they do, sometimes they just lure the victims to a deserted spot for robbery.

Soldier Robbed

The RAF assistant Provost Marshal said that a few nights ago a 15-year-old Serviceman was deceived to a roof-top where he was bumped on the head and robbed of all his money and valuables. Trips into the back streets of the Out of Bounds areas shown a stark contrast between the glittering facade of the girls and the unbecomingly miserable and filthy places which they live. They may look well-dressed and clean, but when they bring their clients to their shacks, it is a different story.

As the RAF Police Anti-Vice party proceeded to the Out of Bounds districts, disciplinary patrols dressed in uniform and wearing their distinctive blue and white hats could be seen patrolling the approaches to the areas.

Several places in the slum areas had pimps posted at look-outs. A man leaning against a sidewalk pillar, for instance, was seen to scratch the back of his head as soon as he spotted a Police Officer or detective. Another on a bicycle would then quickly relay the message onward and within a short time only a few women may be found sleeping by themselves.

Dim, dirty and smelly, the "rooms" are actually bed-sizes booths partitioned from dingy rooms and connected with the streets by narrow cement staircases. Some are surrounded with open sewages. The Police have to use these places, the smell is so appalling.

Hardened Offenders

The RAF APM said some 500 women are well-known and have court convictions. Every assistance is received from the Civil Police and Police of other services in keeping them away from Service personnel. Complaints against diseased sources are frequently received by the RAF Police Anti-Vice Group, the women are traced and asked to attend the Social Hygiene Clinic for treatment. Only a few of the women act on this advice.

Asked whether the universal Out of Bounds signs are still used to-day, the APM replied in the affirmative, adding that most of the signs have been obliterated by the weather, and so far they have not been replaced. Large maps indicating Out of Bounds areas are displayed at all Service Units.

Besides doing nightly patrols, the RAF Police assist the authorities by giving lectures about vice in layman's language to Service personnel and showing films about the consequences. "Don't think we are naive enough to believe that prostitution could be completely stamped out. But the strict control and decent club facilities offered to the Servicemen, we believe, will do the trick of contracting disease could be greatly reduced," the assistant Provost Marshal stated. He thought the solution lies in the provision of ample and wholesome recreation which will give the Servicemen more rest and

enjoy dancing, liquor, reading listening to wireless and gramophone, without being over-charged by ricksha coolies and shoe-shine boys. The splendid work already performed by the woman's voluntary service in the Colony had made the Servicemen's life out here more pleasant and enjoyable, but clubs and leave centres are still in great need.

Reminders

Today

Kowloon Rotary Club, luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's meeting Ladies Night, Chinese Bankers' Club, Bank of East Asia Building.
HK Union Church Ladies' Guild meeting, Helena May Institute, 3 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club screening of film, "Plastics" by Mr. B. Sweet (by courtesy of British Council), Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Macao Electric Co., annual general meeting, at board room of Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, 11 a.m.
Celebration of Corpus Christi Feast, Rosary Church, Kowloon.
Tea Party in honour of Mr. W. M. Smith, Chief Officer, Fire Brigade at Central Fire Station, 3 p.m.

Coming Events

Ladies Section, European YMCA, Club Morning, 10 a.m.
League Lawn Tennis matches, SATURDAY
Lawn Bowls League matches, at all clubs.

The next meeting of the Hong Kong Amateur Radio Transmitting Society will be held on June 22 at 5.30 p.m. at the China Fleet Club Theatre.

Hong Kong Press Party In Scotland

London, June 15. The Press Delegation from Hong Kong, Fiji and Mauritius, which is at present visiting Scotland, spent not only an enjoyable but also an instructive time on the Clyde. In a two-hour trip down the River Clyde, the party had the opportunity of seeing the extent and variety of the ship-building activity taking place along the banks.

The vessels under construction, ranging from the slow draggers to 10,000-ton passenger and cargo liner, "Rangitane." This is being built by the famous yard of John Brown and Company which was also the cradle of the ss. Queen Mary and the ss. Queen Elizabeth and more recently the luxury liner "Caronia." The "Rangitane" is being constructed for a New Zealand shipping company and is due for launching by the Duchess of Gloucester at the end of the month.

Among the other vessels which caught the eye of the visitors were the 10,000-ton British Indian cargo refrigerator liner "Charpara," recently launched from the Barclay Currie Shipbuilding Yard, Glasgow, and the "Empress of Scotland," now being reconverted after her wartime career as a troopship. Both he and Mr. Shum Chai-sang were also especially happy to see the Ellerman liner, "City of Hong Kong" now back for reconditioning.

GETS FINE, BUT GOLD RETURNED

Wong, Ching-lai, woman, aged 29, charged with importing gold without a permit, was fined \$250, by Mr. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday. The gold, weighing 1.75 taels, was ordered to be returned to defendant. During a routine search at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station on Tuesday, defendant was asked whether she had any gold to declare. Her answer was in the negative. A small gold bag was found in her pocket.

Parade At Lyemun Barracks

Mr. John Barrow, District Commissioner of the New Territories, officiated at the passing out parade of 134 Chinese Training Unit recruits at Lyemun Barracks yesterday. He was accompanied by Major-General F. R. G. Matthews, General Officer Commanding, Land Forces, Hong Kong.

The parade, under the command of Captain P. B. Plumpton MBE, Company Commander, was composed of two British officers, five British other ranks and the 134 recruits.

The five best recruits were each presented with a cane and a tailored uniform. The best of the lot received a small silver shield in addition.

The recruits and their instructors were David Tang of No. 1 Platoon (Sergeant R. Forster, the Buffs); Foo Ming (Sergeant W. Wilson, the Buffs); Shun Yeung (Sergeant Ng Man-chung); Tsang Kam (Sergeant W. Wild, Inniskillins); and Chan Wai (Sergeant V. Thompson, Inniskillins).

The recruits were congratulated by Mr. Barrow who addressed them in Chinese. He said: "As soldiers, you will be expected to set an example of good citizenship, and, in particular, to support the police on all occasions. You should look on the police as your officers and they should reciprocate."

The recruits who passed out yesterday will become drivers or be attached to units like the Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps, Royal Army Ordnance Corps and the Royal Corps of Signals. Their training course took 18 weeks to complete.

SUMMONED IN ARMS CASE

A summons on five counts of breach of the Arms Ordinance on W. C. Choy, prominent local businessman, residing at No. 33, Wongneichong Road, was brought up at Central yesterday in the JP's court before Dr. E. Law and Mr. Y. K. Kan.

Defendant was charged with failing to renew an arms licence for a gun, failing to have the gun properly locked up in a safe place, failing to leave his arms licence with the Arms Office when he left the Colony, possession of a carbine without a licence, and disposing of a gun without notifying the authorities concerned. Answering to his own name, Mrs. W. C. Choy told the court that defendant is in Amsterdam. After advising her to get the services of a solicitor, the magistrates remanded the case for two weeks.

DAMAGED POLICE CAR

A British seaman of the merchant ship ss. Daybeam came up before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday, charged with malicious damage of a Police car.

Inspector Brownrigg, prosecuting, told the court that at 12.15 a.m. on June 12, defendant was found lying on the roadside at the junction of Fenwick Street and Hennessy Road. A police car drove by, and one of the policemen called defendant to the car. Defendant refused to go and attempted to run away. Two policemen helped him into the car.

While being escorted into the vehicle, defendant struggled and broke the window panes. Defendant at first pleaded not guilty but later reversed his plea. He was fined \$25 and ordered to pay \$105 towards the damage.

"Wonderful Time--Wish You Were Here"

Shanghai, June 15. Staff members and workers of the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank today cabled Mr. K. P. Chen, chairman of the bank's board of directors, to return to assist in reconstruction work. Mr. Chen, a well-known Chinese banker, is now residing in Hong Kong. The cable informed Mr. Chen that the Communist administration in Shanghai is altogether different from what was depicted by Kuomintang propaganda. It requested him to return immediately to help the bank in helping reconstruction and production work under the new regime. He replied his bank received from Mr. Chen a letter dated June 15, 1949, in which he stated that he would return to Shanghai as soon as possible.

Chinese Unit On Parade



Mr. John Barrow, District Commissioner, New Territories, accompanied by the General Officer Commanding, Major-General F.R.G. Matthews, inspected 134 recruits of the Chinese Training Unit yesterday at a passing out parade at Lyemun Barracks. ("China Mail" Photo.)

Evidence For Defence In Shop Dispute

Evidence for the defence was given at the Supreme Court yesterday by Dewandas Partabrai, trading as the King's Silk Store, defendant in a dispute over occupation of premises, heard before Mr. Justice Williams, Puisne Judge.

Plaintiff, Leung Soi-po, trading as the Sui Fong Company, is suing defendant for damages allegedly caused in effect by obstruction in the latter's business, and is seeking a declaration of the Court that he is a tenant of the premises.

The King's Silk Store is occupying the Western portion of 78 Queen's Road Central, the premises under dispute, while plaintiff occupies the Eastern half.

Mr. B.A. Bernacchi instructed by Mr. Peter H. Sin is representing the plaintiff. The King's Silk Store is represented by Mr. D.A.L. Wright on the instructions of Mr. A.M.L. Soares of Brulion and Company.

The case for the defence was forwarded by Mr. Wright at a previous hearing was that no tenancy existed between Leung and Dewandas, who had received no rent from Leung. His case was that if defendant's business partner, one Mohan, had received any rent in that respect, then it was without Dewandas's knowledge or authority.

Dewandas yesterday said in evidence that he started his business at 78 Queen's Road Central, ground floor, in 1937. In 1945, he said, plaintiff asked him if he could get a small place for him to store some of his goods. Witness said he told Leung that he could not give anybody any portion of his shop. However, he continued, Leung, who was introduced to him by a friend, came twice again to ask him, and was each time refused.

Shop Burgled

Dewandas went on to state that on March 1945, a burglar broke into the shop, taking away some merchandise. Subsequently, plaintiff came to see him on the matter and told him that if he could let him have a small portion of the store to store goods, he would take care of the place at night. Witness said that he agreed to this proposal, and allotted a small portion of the shop space to Leung.

"My intention in letting him have the portion was only for him to store his goods," witness said. He added that there was no question of rent, as he did not want to make any tenancy with any one.

Dewandas went on to say that in September 17, 1945 he entered into partnership with one Mohan. In doing so, he informed Leung that as he was going to extend his business, Leung had to get out within one month.

Continuing, witness said that when he went to India in October 1945, he never gave instructions to Mohan to rent the place to anybody. On his return in September 1946, however, he found Leung there again. Leung informed him that he had made his own arrangements with his partner, Mohan. On receiving notice to quit again, witness claimed, Leung asked for an extension of time, reasoning that it was hard to find an alternative place.

Dewandas alleged that on one occasion, when he contemplated hiring an Indian watchman to watch over his place, the plaintiff told him that he would hire men who could beat up him and his son if he did.

CONFISCATES RIFLES

On the application of Inspector Dewar, Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday granted the confiscation of two .22 calibre Crosman air rifles and a .22 calibre single shot rifle, the property of Mr. R. M. Gordon of No. 6 Ho Man Tin Hill Road.

MAIL FOR SHANGHAI PILING UP

A total of 1,642 bags of mail for Shanghai has been accumulated at the General Post Office in Hong Kong, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

The bulk of this mail, nearly 1,000 bags, is transit mail, mostly from London, Malaya and India. There was very little local mail.

Since notice was received from Shanghai on May 23 that no further mail would be accepted, all transit mail landed in Hong Kong has been piling up.

SALVATION ARMY ANNUAL APPEAL

Following is the latest list of contributors to the Salvation Army's annual Appeal Fund:

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Hong Kong Football Association	750.00
Total	\$98,831.40

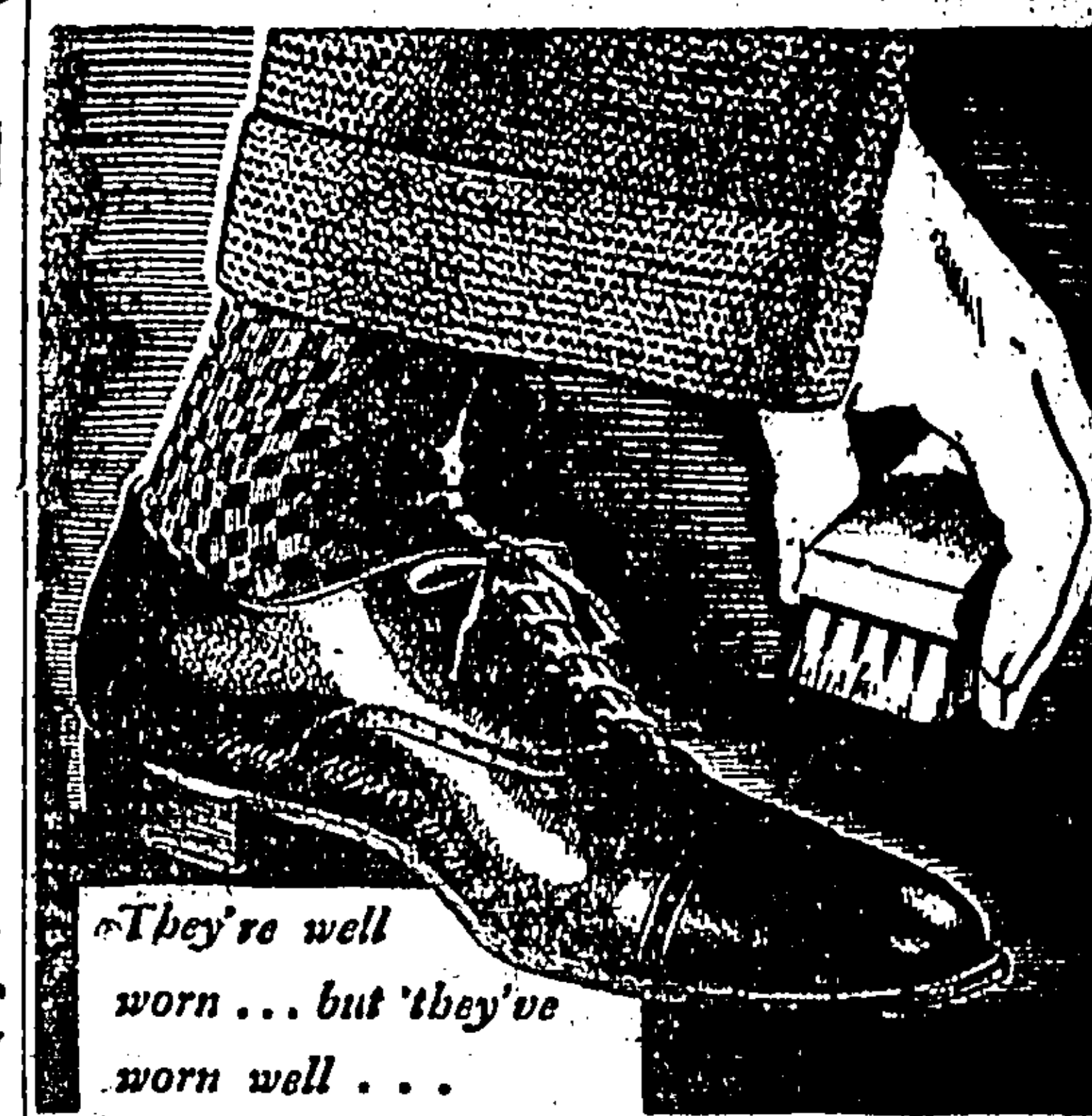
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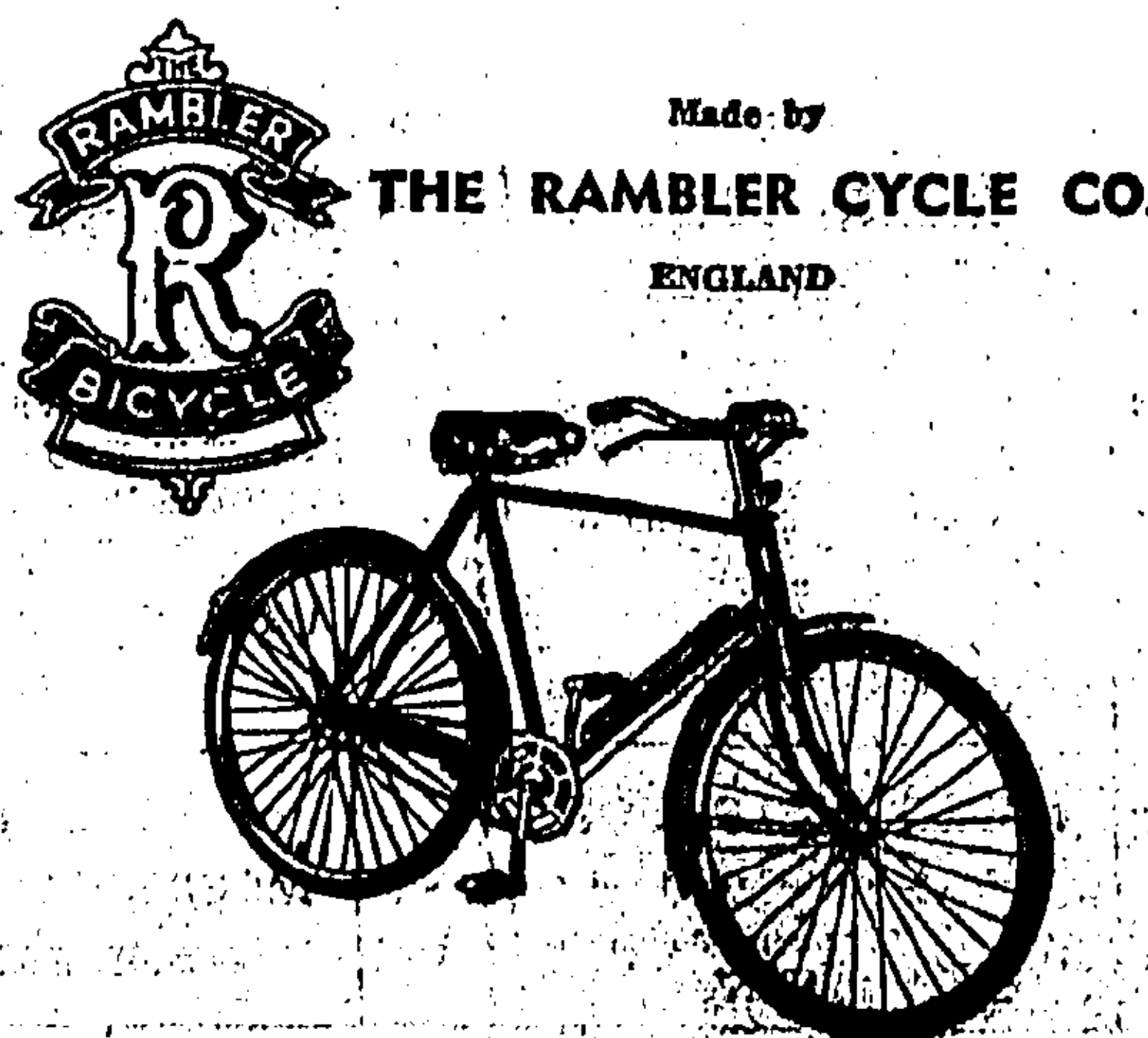
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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, June 14, 1949, to Tuesday, June 28, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

G. MILNE,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, June 8, 1949.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF WILLIAM JAMES PRIEST alias W. J. PRIEST late of the Hong Kong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, Warrant Officer, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of Probates Ordinance 1897 made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send their claims against the above estate to the 1st of July 1949.

All creditors and others are hereby requested to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 15th day of June 1949

Sd. Christopher Paul D'Almada e Castro

Official Administrator Courts of Justice, Hong Kong.

NOTICE OLD WELLINGTONIAN DINNER 1949.

Will all Old Wellingtonians who have not yet been contacted about the above dinner, to be held at Government House on 17th June by kind invitation of H.E. the Governor, kindly get in touch with J. A. Stericker (Tel. 27131) right away. This applies especially to newly arrived O.W.'s in the Services who are difficult to contact.

NOTICE DIOCESAN SCHOOL OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

The President and Committee of the Association requests the pleasure of the company of all old boys of the School (Members and non-members) to a Cocktail Party on Friday, June 17, at 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. at the Hongkong University Alumni Association, Queen's Building, 1st floor, Hong Kong.

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CHINESE REDS ARE CONFIRMED COMMUNISTS

Pushan, Korea, June 15.

For better or for worse, China faces a Communist rule extending through the vast length and breadth of the country, writes AP correspondent Spencer Moosa, who recently left Peiping.

Are the Chinese Communists simple agrarian reformers who by an unfortunate mischance chose the wrong label? The answer is a positive "No."

The idea they are only agrarian reformers is a myth. It has been exploded in the minds of nearly everyone in North China, Chinese and foreigners alike. The Chinese Communists are exactly what they say they are—Communists. Their doctrine is that of Karl Marx as adapted by his disciple Lenin Stalin, and Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese Communist leader. Through the rule of Mao and his party, China is becoming an extension of the Soviet power bloc. There is as yet no open evidence which can be regarded as conclusive in a court of law that the Kremlin is giving direct aid to the Communists. The affinity between the Kremlin and Peiping, the capital of Communist China, is however indisputable. There are no signs that Communist China is other than a willing satellite of the USSR.

Well Trained Marxists
There is no sign of coercion or compulsion in the relationship. There is every sign the Chinese Communists are more than ready—in fact, eager—to follow the dictates of Moscow, expressed or unexpressed. Even if Moscow is silent, so the argument runs, the Chinese Communist leaders are such well trained Marxists that by following the Soviet propaganda they know what track to follow.

For example when the USSR proposed Four Power talks to discuss the Berlin question, the Chinese Communists called a temporary halt to their attacks against what they described as American imperialism. One of the first things the Chinese Reds did when they established a seat in Peiping was to proclaim that they would fight on Russia's side in the event of war. There are no signs that Moscow required this declaration. In fact, according to gossip in Peiping, the Russians were surprised to have been embraced rather than pleased by it. The Russians apparently have preferred to call the turn rather than have the Chinese Communist take such a step without direction.

The Chinese Communists do a certain amount of trade with America and Britain and other countries, so there is nothing strange about this. The geographical position of Communist China and the USSR—their common frontier stretches 5,000 miles—would make such trade only too natural.

Soviet Advisors
Numbers of Soviet Russians serve with the Chinese Communists but how many and what they do no one is telling. They could represent the Soviet government itself; could represent the Cominform; and some even could be Soviet citizens who lived in Manchuria and volunteered for duty.

Employment by the Chinese Reds of Soviet technical and political advisers is taken for granted in foreign and many Chinese circles in Peiping. Rumours circulate that Mao Tse-tung has Soviet advisers constantly at work with him but like so many reports going the round in Peiping these cannot be proved.

Many Chinese in North China are bewildered and even dismayed by the use of the Soviet hammer and sickle flag in Chinese Communist meetings and parades. At one such meeting a member of the audience ventured to ask why this was done.

"Russia is a foreign country and we are Chinese," he said. "This subject is not on the agenda," the presiding political commissar snapped.

Nothing further was said. It was common at big rallies to see pictures of six men, two Chinese and four foreigners. The Chinese are Mao Tse-tung and General Chu Teh, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese armies. The foreigners are Frederick Engels, Karl Marx, Lenin and Stalin. This display makes many Chinese scratch their heads in puzzlement but to many others—and most foreigners—it was taken only as added confirmation of the fact that the Chinese Communists are not fooling when they say they are precisely that—Associated Press.

MORE HELP FOR PI CONSULATE

Mabila, June 15.
The Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Felipe Neri, said he was contemplating sending additional personnel to reinforce the Philippine Consulate in Hong Kong and Amoy. He said the Philippines need more men to expedite numerous applications for entry or re-entry into the Philippines.—United Press.

"Stop Work" Meeting In Australia

Sydney, June 14.
The Australian Coal Mining Trade Unions' Council tonight endorsed a decision by the Miners' Federation Central Council to hold "stop work" meetings in all Australian coalfields on Thursday.

The stoppage would mean an estimated loss of 70,000 tons of coal. The meetings have been called for the miners to consider a Central Council recommendation for a nationwide coal strike from June 27, because of a breakdown in wage negotiations and conditions in the mines.—Router.

Research Worker Was Red

Washington, June 14.
Dr. Frank F. Oppenheimer admitted today that he had been a Communist Party member for three years prior to his wartime employment as research worker on the atomic bomb.

Dr. Oppenheimer is the brother of the famed physicist, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, who was one of the major figures in the development of the bomb.

He appeared at a half-hour closed session of the House Un-American Activities Committee. He told the press later that he left the party prior to his wartime employment. He worked at the University of California radiation laboratory at Berkeley from 1941 to 1947.

Frank Oppenheimer and his wife joined the Communist Party in 1937 seeking an answer to problems of unemployment and want in the wealthiest and most progressive country in the world, he said.

Three and a half years later they dropped out because the party did not accomplish their objectives, he added.—United Press.



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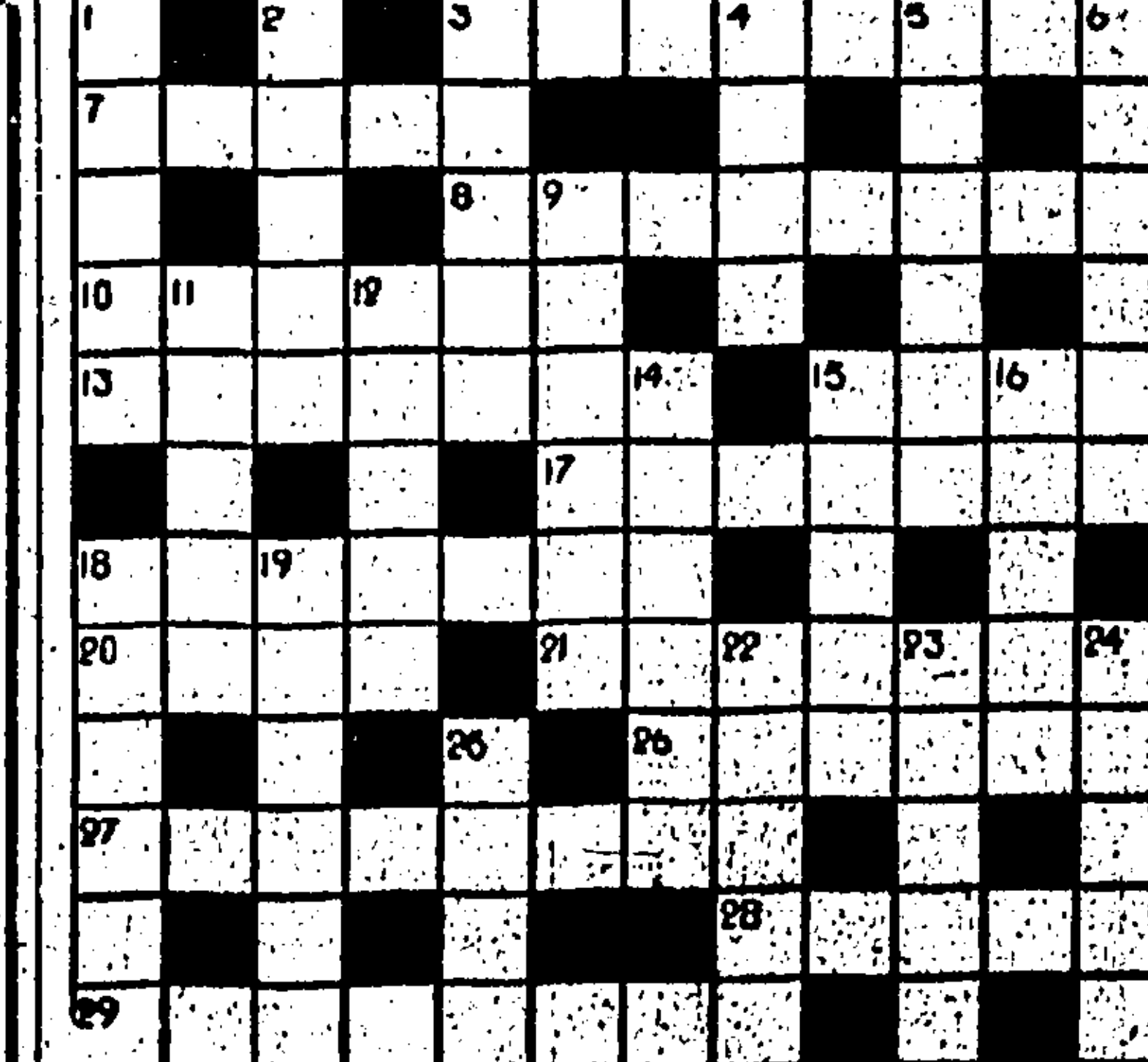
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C 8 3
(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)
North: East South West
1 C H 1 S 2 H
2 S D 1 S 2 H
Pass 4 H Pass 3 H

East was inclined to bite his partner's head off when his business double of 2-Spades was taken out. But later he was glad West did as he did. At an opposite table of the same social the same double and West remembered the cartoonists' injunction against taking out such a double. Consequently East was doomed to seeing his opponents make a very cheap game, losing only one trick each in the side suits and two in trumps. Since East was end-played and had to lead spades toward the finish. It was a "clinch for East" to make the 4-Hearts after South led a spade, with only one trick lost in each side suit. West had every possible reason a player could have for taking out the business double. First, having no spades, it appeared quite likely the opponents were so long in the suit they might make the contract despite the double. Second, his own hand was splendid in support of hearts, with those nice four trumps; and a blank suit where they could be used for ruffing out any losing spades of his partner. In addition, with East showing length in both majors West's minor length made it likely his partner was quite short in the minors, with few losers in them.

Tomorrow's Problem
S K 8 6 4
H K 10 9
D K Q
C 8 4 3
S Q 3 S A 0 5
H 3 H Q 9 8 4 2
D A J 9 5 4 D 10 6 3 2
C K J 7 6 S C A

(Dealer: North. Both sides vulnerable.)
If West essays a weak 1-Diamond opening bid, what response should East make?

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3 Valued. 20 Wing-shaped. 21 Grooved. 22 Ceremoniously. 23 To up. 24 Tormented. 25 Coarse. 26 Fascinate.
Down
1 Willow. 18 Fish. 2 Tree. 10 Rajah's wife. 3 Equipped. 16 Toy. 4 Sword. 19 Bird. 5 Seat. 6 Respectable. 27 Self. 9 Worship. 22 Cab. 11 Horizontal. 24 Scum. 12 Furport. 25 Cougar.

Yesterday's Crossword
Across: 1 Bright. 3 Dress. 6 Kilo. 9 Reform. 10 Strip. 11 Hero. 4 Temper. 5 Dislike. 8 Oper. 12 Tilt. 13 Oiled. 16 Retail. 7 Babes. 14 Legation. 18 Able. 18 Tissue. 20 Even. 22 Disgusted. 10 Assent. 17 Austere. 23 Yacht. 25 Green. 26 Invert. 21 Viper. 24 Ace.

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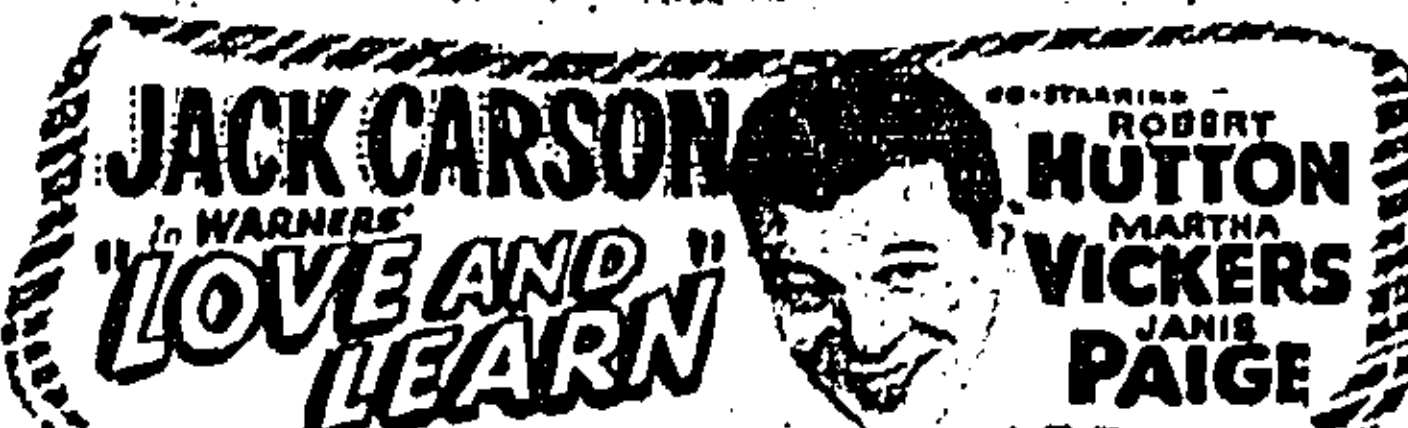
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BURMESE NEED FOR FOREIGN CAPITAL

Rangoon, June 15.

Burma needs foreign capital to develop her mineral resources, the Prime Minister, Thakin Nu, said today.

He estimated the amount of foreign capital needed as 200 crores of rupees.

Given sound development and management, Burma would be able to repay it within 10 or 15 years, he added.

Thakin Nu made these estimates in a written statement on Government policy on foreign policy laid before Parliament today.

Answering a question about whether foreign capital would become available, the statement said: "It is true that in the present circumstances of our country it will not be easy to attract such capital, but leading countries and individuals will be guided not merely by considerations of security and profit but by the need of maintaining Burma as a bastion of democracy."

It would be necessary, nevertheless, to assure reasonable profit and conditions of security, the Premier added.

"Foreign interests will be particularly anxious as to the fate of their capital if Communism were to overcome Burma. We

do not think this will be our fate, but in discussions on the matter we shall have to take account of this fear.

Basis for Aid

"Burma cannot give any absolute guarantee about the future, but if we do our best to minimize the foreseeable risks and so long as our attempts are sincere, I do not think the fear of what might happen in the unknown future will affect foreign capital."

Discussing "the basis whereon we shall accept financial aid from abroad—whether as a loan or an investment, or both," the statement said: "In regard to the programmes of large-scale development, embracing many fields and covering the entire country, the only suitable course will be to obtain capital on loan and carry out the programmes ourselves, with, of course, safeguards to ensure that the loans are not frittered away."

"Regarding, however, individual projects and enterprises that are not capable of establishing a stranglehold on the economic life of the country, we should be prepared to accept foreign capital as an investment in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and other existing laws."—Reuter.

WITHDRAWAL IN JERUSALEM

Damascus, June 14.

Israeli and Arab Legion forces withdrew from the Government House and Arab College—area South of Jerusalem promptly today in compliance with United Nations orders.

The withdrawal was decided at a meeting of the Israeli Hashimite Kingdom (Transjordan) Armistice Commission yesterday when it was agreed that the presence of troops in this area violates the Rhodes Armistice agreement.—Reuter.

Thailand Treaty With Philippines

Washington, June 14.

The Philippines and Thailand today signed a treaty of perpetual peace and everlasting amity.

Ambassador Joaquin M. Elizalde signed for the Philippines, and Prince Wan Wathayakorn for the Thai Kingdom. The ceremony took place in the Thai Embassy.

The document now goes to Manila and Bangkok for ratification. The treaty will take effect when it is exchanged in the Philippine Embassy here following the ratification.

The treaty pledges the two nations to settle all disputes peacefully, to establish diplomatic and consular representatives in each other's country and give each other's nationals reciprocal rights to trade, travel, live and own property in both countries.

In a joint announcement, the Thai and Philippine Embassies said they also agreed soon to make other treaties covering commerce and navigation, consular rights and privileges and extradition.

The announcement added: "Thailand and the Philippines have long enjoyed very close and friendly relations."

"The conclusion of this first treaty of friendship merely confirms and strengthens the close and cordial bond of friendship that already unites the two countries."—United Press.

All In The Interests Of Science

Hollywood, June 14.

A brown-eyed beauty and a blue-eyed boy said today that they are getting married on Wednesday to settle the scientific argument over what the colour of their children's eyes will be.

"Anything for science," said honey-blond Priscilla Lane, aged 20, pre-medical student.

She and Hugh Tandy Gardner, aged 24, of Missoula, Montana, who met in a college embryology class, frequently argued about the laws of heredity and whether brown eyes or blue eyes predominate in children.

"Let's get married and find out," Gardner finally challenged.

"Okay," said Priscilla.—United Press.

PREMIER APPEARS IN COURT

St. John's, June 14.

The Prime Minister of Newfoundland, Mr. Joseph R. Smallwood, a Liberal, will appear before the Magistrate's Court here on Thursday to answer summonses alleging that he intimidated voters.

The summonses were granted today by Mr. Hugh O'Neill, Judge of the Newfoundland Magistrate's Court.

Mr. William J. Browne, Progressive Conservative candidate, in St. John's federal elections on June 27, yesterday applied to the District Court for a warrant for Mr. Smallwood's arrest.

The Judge said that he needed time to consider the case. Mr. Browne alleged that the Premier, in a speech in the Ferryland area, intimidated electors by declaring that if they voted against his Party no public money would be spent in the area during the next four years.

Mr. Browne, a former Magistrate's Court Judge, said that this was contrary to the provisions of the Dominion's Election Act.

Mr. Smallwood said later in a statement that his remarks were made in a bantering manner and were received with smiles.

Mr. Browne resigned his judgeship to contest the elections.—Reuter.

"Flying Cat" Freak Shot

London, June 14.

A "cat" with two well-developed wings and feathers on its legs, has been shot near Bundevali, North Sweden, Stockholm Radio reported tonight. The body of the freak animal, which is 18 inches long, is being studied by zoologists.

The "cat" is said to have been seen by a number of people who said that when moving it spread its wings and had a rocking gait. The wings emerged from the hindquarters, which were also covered with feathers, while fur on the body was described as of a grayish colour.—Reuter.

TEXAS FLOODS

Dallas, Texas, June 14.

At least five were killed and three are missing following storms and violent floods which swept Dallas County last night.

Property and damage to crops is said to be tremendous. The Trinity River rose 11 feet during the night.—Associated Press.

ASIA NEEDS HELP WITHOUT ANY POLITICAL TIES

New York, June 14.

Economic assistance to Asia without any political ties is an essential factor in the world's search for peace and prosperity.

Carlos P. Romulo, chief Philippines delegate to the United Nations, said this here today.

Speaking at the radio forum, "Town Meeting of the Air," Mr. Romulo added:

"As long as Asia's people are plunged in poverty and plagued by the social and economic ills that poverty breeds, the goal of universal prosperity and well-being will remain out of reach."

"Economic aid to Asia must be considered as part and parcel of the problem of world recovery. "But it must be provided under conditions acceptable to Asia and compatible with the freedom and dignity of Asia's peoples."

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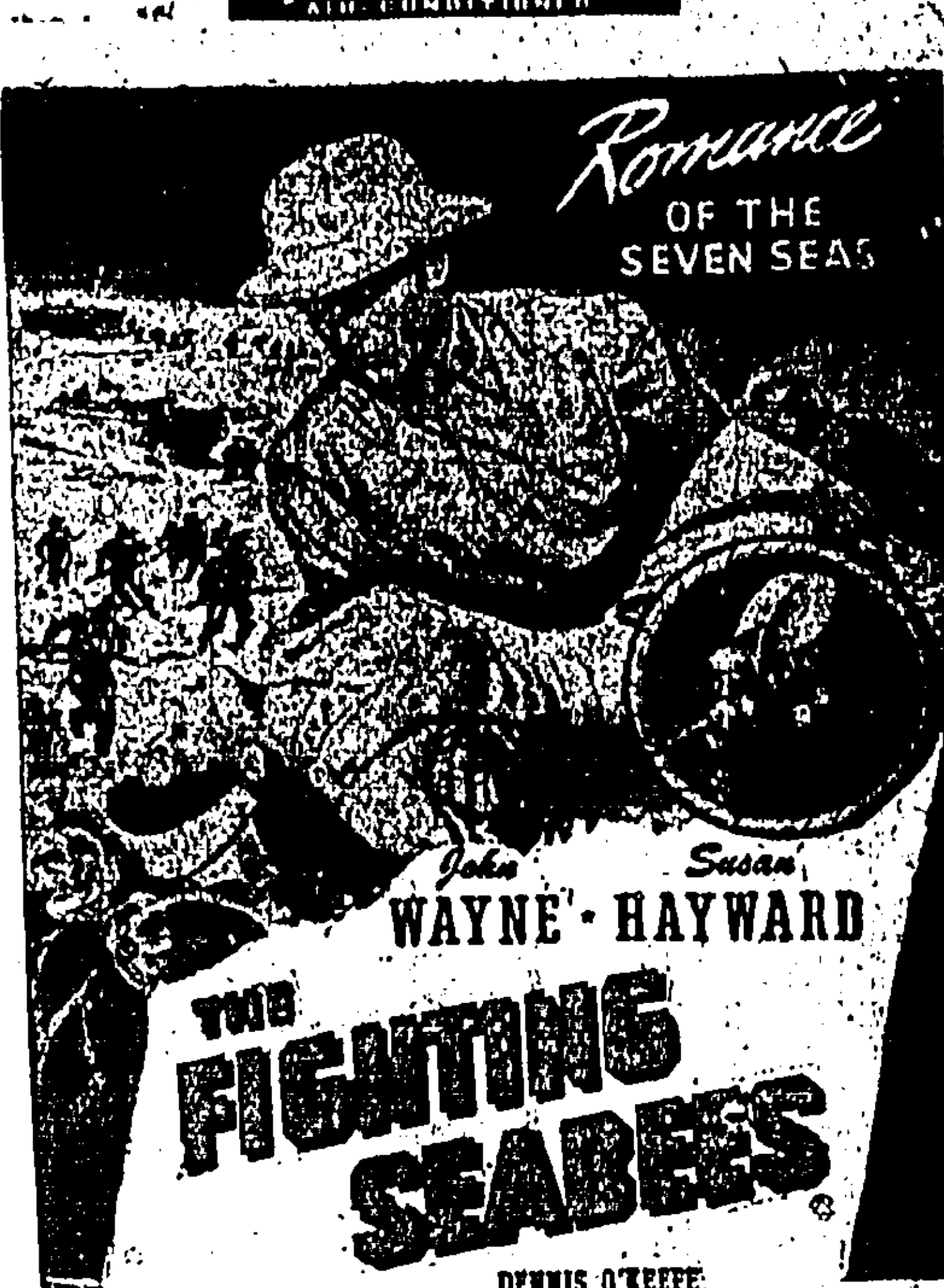
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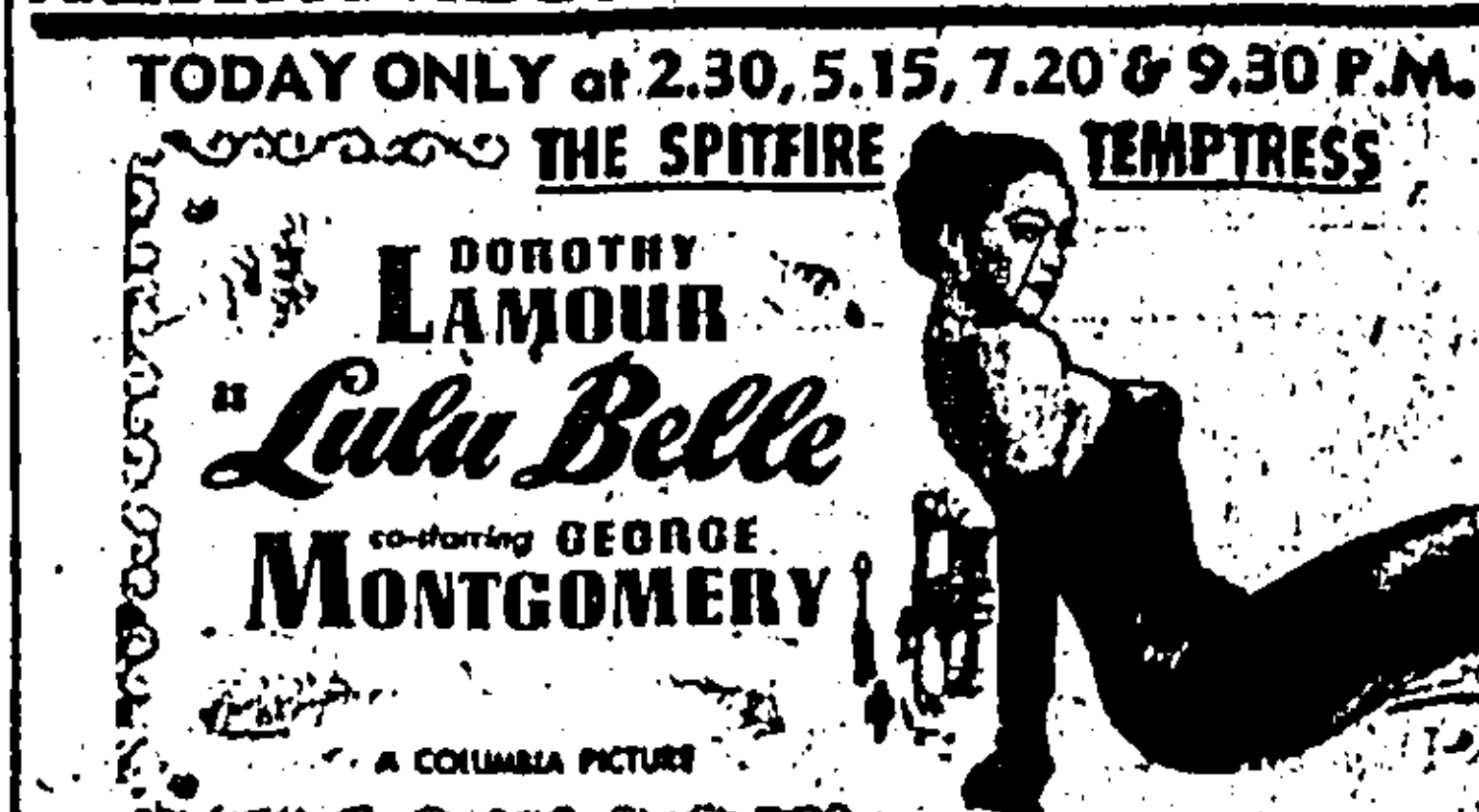
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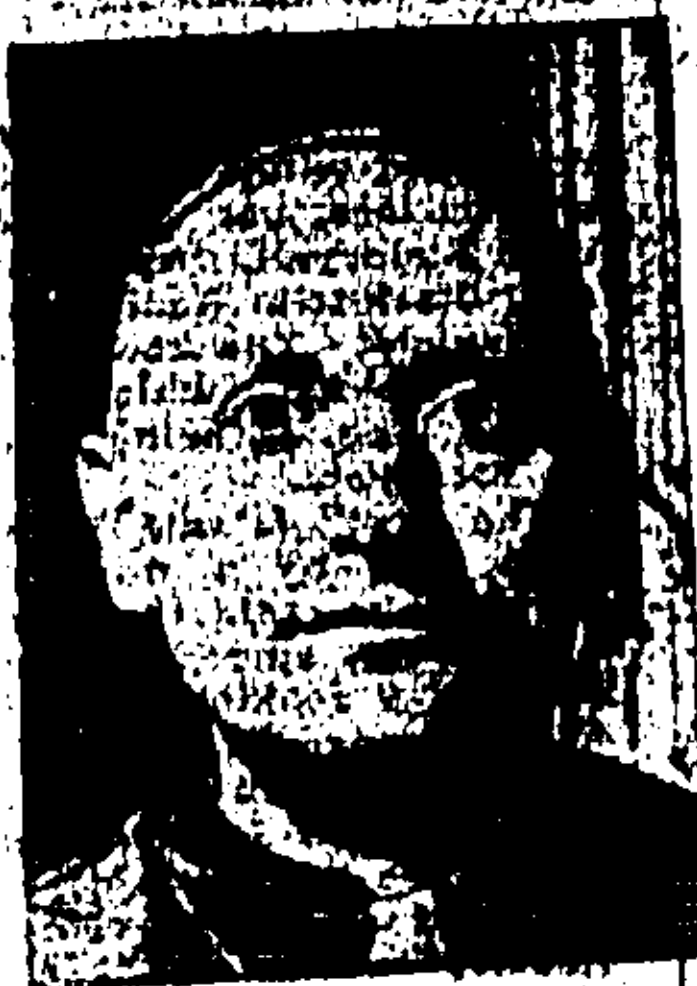
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At the invitation of the Royal Air Force, the "China Mail" sent a reporter with the Anti-Vice Squad on one of their perlocid patrols and raids on areas out of bounds to servicemen. These youngsters are in moral and physical danger, and we make no apology for 'airing a matter which is by no means a polite dinner table topic, but is, in view of the extensive garrison reinforcements all ready here or on their way particularly timely.

To begin with, it must be admitted by any reasonably person that the thousands of British troops in Hong Kong are generally behave with the most admirable decorum, and the more laudable when one considers the difficulties with which they are faced. Quite neat and smartly dressed, they can be seen shopping in cinemas, churches and the homes of an occasional hospitable civilian, at most times a credit to their uniform and the country from which they came.

Indeed, on the occasions when they do go "off the rails" they normally do so in bars and dives which cater almost entirely to their selves, and even then only a minority are habitues. Most of the lads from Home are hard-working and decent, even if lonely and sometimes puzzled by the apparent difference of the population among whom they live. It is not surprising that some of them are attracted by the gaudy lights, the vox hum blare of the juke box, and the painted girls dispensing cheap drinks "in an atmosphere of synthetic cheerfulness. Not to mention young women of the shade who offer companionship a kind.

If the comfortably housed and married civilian, with a large circle of friends, should speak disparagingly of the nocturnal activities of some of the servicemen here, it would show a culpable lack of understanding. These troops, fed, paid and supported by money from Home, and sent to protect the Colony, are not even a charge on local taxpayers whose welfare they are looking after. It might well be asked why we have done to show gratitude, if it exists.

A contemporary writer says placatingly that though we never welcome troopships or warships, seldom, one might add, do we entertain the men on board (on a noticeable scale) our ships are nevertheless in the place. This may soothe regular readers but will impress the gods in un-

To be fair, the problem far too large and complex to be solved by a few purplined persons who have enough room in their homes to entertain a view of the increased local garrison to 12,000. It is up to the authorities to arrange for the armed services to furnish the necessary groundwork. It is unquestionable that present military and recreational facilities are pathetically insufficient. These young men deserve the best during their years of service so far from home and they do not get a

If the forces are re-
turning valuable pro-
for quarters, they
will go further and
mandate a battle
men's off duty hours

ON June 3, 1948, there was a fatal incident in the village of Pocs-Petri in the County of Szabolcs which widened the rift between the Church and the State. The village had earlier been surrounded by large detachments of police and army, with strict orders not to allow priests to enter the place. For this reason it is impossible to give a clear story.

According to a report made by the Ministry for Home Affairs, what happened was the following: On May 31, 1948, the National Committee of the National Front resigned the 'nationalisation' of the Church schools, and on June 3 the village council called a meeting in connection with this resolution. On June 1 January Azizloo, the Roman Catholic parish priest, had called the members of the village council to school and the village, where he told them that if they declared for nationalisation he would be forced to excommunicate them. After this the priest invited the members of the Parents' Association and told them that the school would be nationalised if they voted for nationalisation. According to the Minister for Home Affairs, the parish priest, by this threat, put pressure on the people to sign declarations protesting against nationalisation. On the evening of June 5, while the village council was sitting—about five hundred people coming out of the church after evensong moved in "an agitated manner" toward the village hall. Constable G. B. Takanav was first alarmed, and then shot dead by a Kipli-faivy, a village non-commissioned officer. This happened about 9 p.m.; and during the fracas Azizloo, the parish priest, gave an order for the church bells to be rung in order to mobilise the

they can build one themselves. In this respect, the soulless, profit-making octopus NAAFI might well be damned for part of the millions of sterling it has obtained from the ranks, a few of which 'few serving men' have seen the benefit. The organisation has, in fact, erected some very handsome clubs in large cities in England—where there is little need for them. Something of the kind in Hong Kong would be of enormous benefit. Comfortable lounge library, games room, dining room and dance floor would keep many disconsolate young men away from 'ponky' tonks.

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BIG FOUR'S SILENCE

Secret Meetings On The Berlin Issue

VYSHINSKY PHONES MOSCOW

Paris, June 14.

The "Big Four" Foreign Ministers decided in a total of three-and-a-quarter hours' discussion today—interrupted for two hours while Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, of Russia, telephoned Moscow for new instructions—to stay silent and have another secret meeting tomorrow.

After the first hour of today's session Mr. Vyshinsky dashed off to the Soviet Embassy while the Western Ministers remained inside the Rose Palace. Usually reliable sources said that the three Western Ministers during the adjournment discussed counter-proposals from the Russian Foreign Minister on the new Berlin proposals submitted at Sunday's secret session.

HK-BOUND SHIP IN INCIDENT

Cairo, June 15.

Egyptian authorities detained, but later released, an unidentified British ship carrying tanks to Hong Kong, the independent newspaper "Al-Zaman" said today.

The British Embassy has no information of any such incident, but added that the Radnorshire was expected to pass through the Suez Canal at about this time.

The newspaper gave no further details as to the whereabouts of the vessel, when it was detained or its identity. Under martial law, Egypt insists upon the right to search ships passing through her territorial waters.

This procedure, against which Britain earlier protested, may now be modified, the newspaper stated.

The Egyptian Premier, Abdel Hadi Pasha, requested the State Minister, Mustafa Marsi, to amend the order, according to the newspaper following recent talks in Paris between Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, and the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Ikhashaba Pasha.

The paper added that Marsi Bey has submitted a draft of amended regulations for the Premier to study.—Associated Press.

ARMISTICE TALKS OFF

Damascus, June 14.

Armistice negotiations between the Syrians and Israelis were broken off because of reported Jewish violations of the Rhodes Agreement in the Jerusalem area, an official Syrian announcement said today.

"Since the Jews are repeatedly violating agreements, it has become the right of every Arab Government to refuse trusting their word," the announcement said.

A Syrian Press Department statement declared that the Israelis have concentrated two brigades in the Jerusalem area where the Rhodes Agreement allows them only two battalions.—Reuter.

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A communique had been expected after tonight's session but authoritative sources said that the Ministers had decided to say absolutely nothing about what had happened today.

Mr. Vyshinsky, according to British sources, replied in some detail to the Western proposals for easing the tension in Berlin by four-power consultations and a gradual resumption of East-West trade.

In the general discussion that developed, new points arose and it was then, apparently, that the four Ministers decided to adjourn to enable:

- (1) Mr. Vyshinsky to leave for the Soviet Embassy to telephone Moscow for guidance on fresh proposals; and
- (2) The Western Ministers to retire to their offices in the Rose Palace to consider Soviet counter-proposals.

In Good Mood

Asked if there were any atmosphere of crisis, a British spokesman said: "Not at all. They are all in perfect form and in a very good mood."

Mr. Vyshinsky returned to the Rose Palace a few minutes before the Council of the Foreign Ministers was due to restart its secret session.

Earlier, on his way back to the Soviet Embassy from the Rose Palace, Mr. Vyshinsky stopped his car in the Bois de Boulogne and walked for some time under the shady trees talking earnestly with one of his delegates.

Eye-witnesses said that he went to an open air cafe nearby for a drink. He and his companion then returned to their car and went to the Embassy where they stayed about 20 minutes.

Today's secret meeting was the fifth such session of the Foreign Ministers and was held in a decisive attempt to solve the Berlin trade and transport problem and improve East-West German trade.

When they met they were accompanied by only one interpreter each.

Reports On Berlin

They each had reports from their economic advisers in Berlin dealing with trade, transport and currency problems.

There were two separate reports—a joint Western one and a Soviet one.

The meetings of the Berlin experts ended in disagreement but disclosed enough common ground to serve as a basis for the Foreign Ministers to work out a joint directive for the restoration of Berlin trade and transport.

Observers think tonight that the results of the current secret sessions will decide whether or not the Paris conference breaks up in a few days without any agreement on Germany or achieves a limited pact to regularise the situation in Berlin and increase East-West zonal trade.

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COMMANDOS DENY HK REIMBOURS

Valletta, Malta, June 14. British Commando Brigade Headquarters here today categorically denied reports that British Commandos had left Malta for Hong Kong or elsewhere.

They declined to comment on current rumours of the imminent departure of Commandos for the Far East.

NEW ECA GRANT TO EUROPE

Washington, June 14.

The ECA has announced a new grant of \$50,000,000 in recovery authorizations, bringing the cumulative total to \$572,000,000 with adjustments.

Country totals in dollar value of the grant items and area of origin when other than the United States, are as follows: Germany, \$10,000,000; all industrial machinery, Denmark, \$1,210,000, mostly maize.

France, \$4,127,000, including medical and pharmaceutical preparations \$2,000,000, industrial chemicals \$566,000, minerals \$26,000. Chemicals from Canada \$200,000.

French Zone of Germany, \$5,100,000, including wool and cotton each \$1,000,000, Latin American goods \$1,200,000.

Greece, \$19,000, including fertilizers and agricultural pesticides.

Ireland, \$4,000 all crude oil and petroleum products.

Italy, \$6,035,000 including engines and turbines \$2,325,000, generators and motors \$2,367,000, industrial machinery \$1,280,000, chemicals \$3,500 all iron and steel materials.

Sweden, \$500,000 all crude oil and petroleum products.

Turkey, \$520,000. Earlier allotments of dollars to Iceland were decreased.—United Press.

NEW RUSSIAN VICE-PREMIER

London, June 14.

Moscow Radio today announced the appointment of Ivan T. Tevosyan as the 14th Vice-Premier of the Soviet Government.

Tevosyan has held the Cabinet post of Minister of Metallurgical Industry. The new appointment seems to indicate even greater emphasis on heavy industry. The appointment gives the Government three Vice-Premiers specializing in heavy industry. It followed the reorganization of the metallurgical industry which started last August.

The appointment appears to be another move in reorganization of the highest level of the Soviet administration. The big shuffle came last March when Andrei Vyshinsky replaced Y. M. Molotov as Foreign Minister.—United Press.

ANGLO-U.S. TALK ON CHINA

Paris, June 14.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, agreed from the German problem today for which they believed to have been the discussion of China and Greece.

The only official comment on their hour-long conference is that it did not concern the work of the current Council of Foreign Ministers.—United Press.

Russia Accused Of Prolonging Railway Strike

Berlin, June 14.

The Allied commanders tonight accused the Russians of prolonging the Berlin railway strike purposely for political reasons and to interfere with the lifting of the blockade.

Both Brigadier-General Frank Howley, U. S. Commander, and Major-General G. K. Bourne, British commander, made strong statements about Soviet motives after striking Western Berlin railway workers had voted six to one to continue their 24-day-old strike.

General Howley told a press conference: "The Russians said at Lake Success that they would lift the Berlin blockade and they have not done it. The strike is a wonderful way out for them. It is another way to blockade."

The Russians offered to pay the strikers 50 per cent of their salaries in Western marks and the Western powers promised to convert another 15 per cent into Western currency.

The strikers today rejected this proposition by a vote of 12,024 to 1,085.

General Bourne issued a statement including General Howley's in long, charging: "It now appears the Russians want to continue the strike for political reasons."

General Howley said the Russians had repudiated a strike agreement made with Major-General P. A. Vyshinsky, Soviet transport chief.

Orders From Higher Up

"The Russians did a 180-degree change," he said. "Orders must have come from higher up because Vyshinsky was sincere in his desire to end the strike."

"I do not know if the Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei Vyshinsky, gave orders from Paris, but someone did. I think the Soviets completely repudiated the agreement and I am not surprised as they keep their word only as long as it suits their aim."

Throughout the day at 30-minute intervals, Western Allied radio stations broadcast a message from the British commander, who said the Russians had assured General Howley that strikers will not be victimised if they return to work.

General Bourne quipped the Russians as saying: "No returning worker will be arrested or suffer in any way."

However, the "Taegische Rundschau," official organ of the Soviet military administration, appeared on the streets with an editorial attacking the anti-Communist railway union as an illegal organisation.—United Press.

MacDonald Returning To Malaya

London, June 14.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the British Commissioner-General for South East Asia, will leave London on Thursday to resume his official duties.

His departure was originally fixed for last week but pressure of business made him postpone it.

No one in Whitehall has had a single diary, than Mr. MacDonald since he arrived here about a month ago.

He has had repeated talks with Cabinet Ministers, defence chiefs and Eastern trade experts. He is expected to have last-minute discussions with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, before leaving.—Reuter.

PAKISTAN TO SIGN TREATIES

London, June 14.

The negotiation of a series of friendship treaties between Pakistan and Islamic states of the Middle East is believed to be foreshadowed by the arrival in Damascus today of the Pakistani Foreign Minister, Sir Zafrullah Khan.

The Pakistani information service's "Weekly News" recalls that the Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, recently committed on the desire of Islamic countries of the world to come closer together on matters of common interest.

"The Weekly News" said: "He emphasised that the Muslim states, besides striving for higher living standards, should try to become strong politically and economically."

Sir Zafrullah will visit Egypt, Persia and Syria during his present tour with the object of drawing the Islamic countries together in a new association.

The Pakistani Government is also planning an Islamic Congress at Karachi late this year and Pakistani sources today said that member states of the Arab League have been invited to attend.—United Press.

Air Treaties In SE Asia

Manila, June 14.

Negotiations for a series of bilateral air treaties with a number of South East Asian and Middle East countries will begin during the first week of July.

All these countries are said to have already apprised the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C., of their readiness to commence direct negotiations.

Previously, President Quirino authorised a four-man air mission to handle formal talks with the countries concerned.—Reuter.

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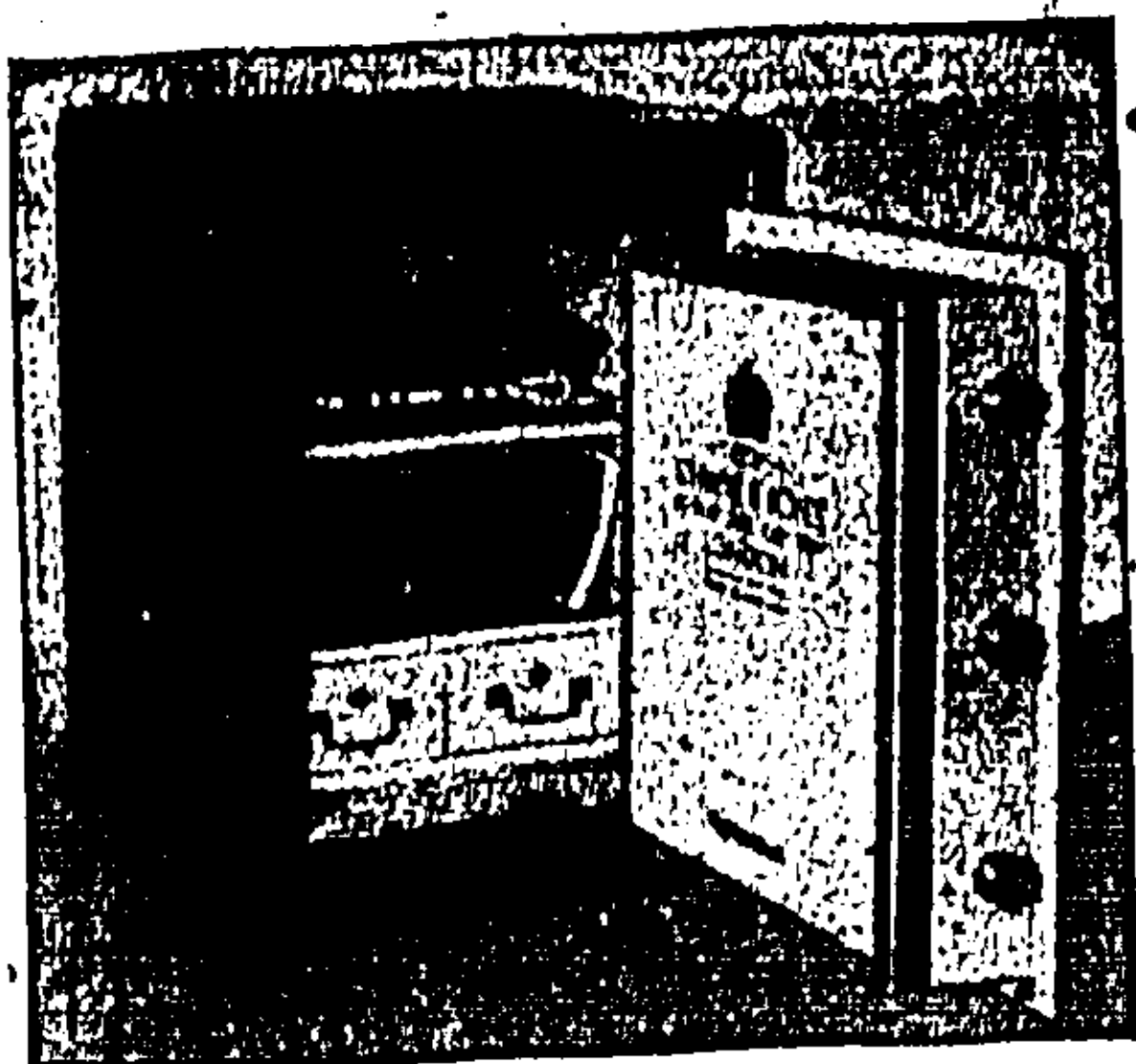
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Demand For British Machinery

London
The demand from overseas for British machinery shows no sign of diminishing with the result that although the industry is working at high pressure the waiting list of buyers has not yet been wholly eliminated.

Yet the East Asian markets have been amongst those which have obtained deliveries during the first quarter of this year aggregating to considerable sterling value. Machinery exported from Britain to that area comprised in a large part textile plants, excavators and mining equipment, generators, internal combustion engines, pumps and road construction vehicles.

Malaya, according to the Board of Trade returns, was the principal recipient, but an interesting fact is also disclosed that China and Hong Kong combined only occupy the second place by falling short of Malaya's grand total of nearly a million and a half by only £80,000 in the three months specified.

Burma which occupies the third place received about a fifth of the amount positioned on the other hand, re-shipped to either of the other two. A significant item in this category is that of machine tools. Although this type of product forms only a small fraction of that for the machinery supplied to East Asia the British machine tool industry has proved to be one of Britain's most successful export industries during the post-war years.

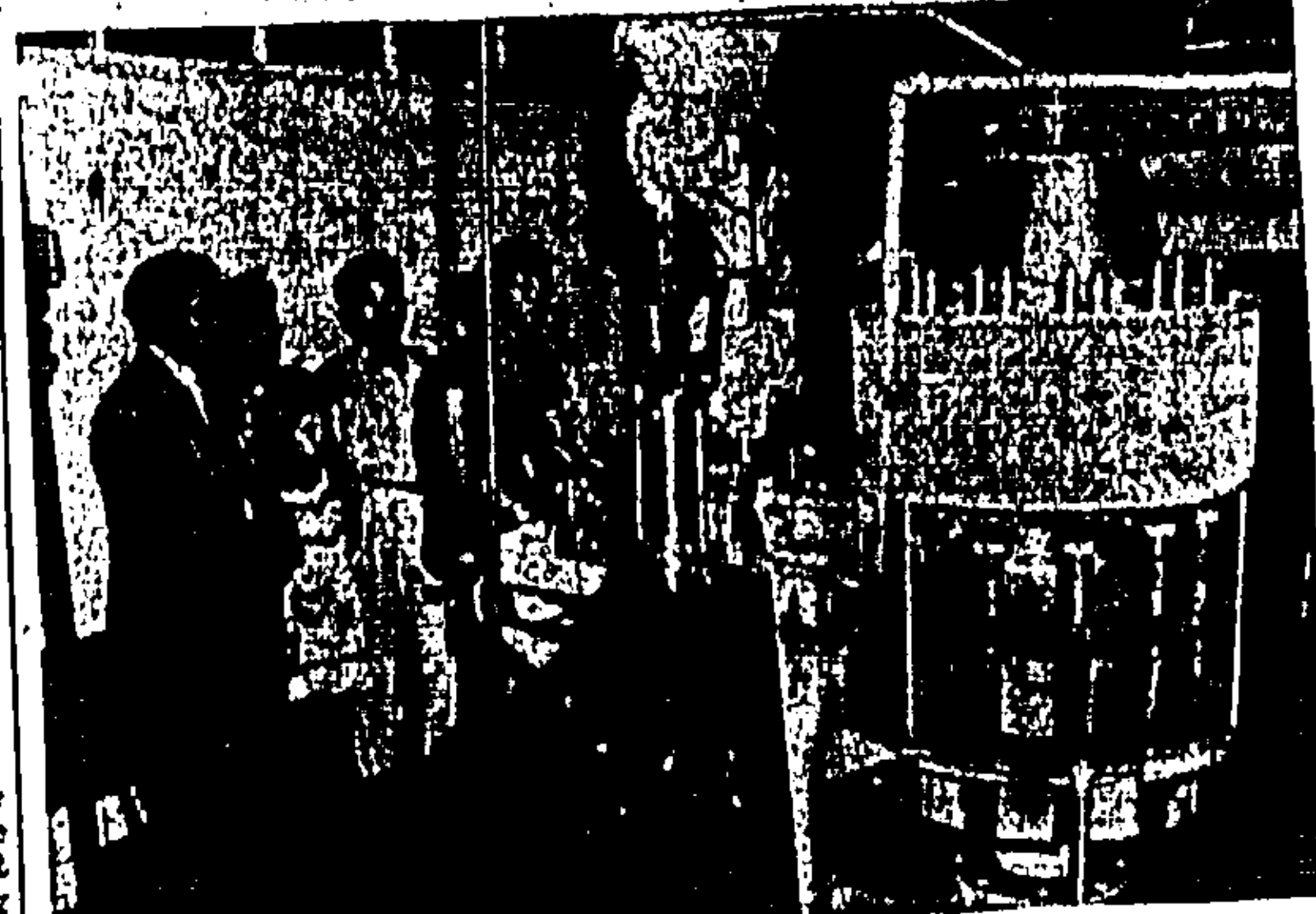
The deliveries last year to overseas buyers were more than twice the tonnage of the machines exported in 1938. Calculating on a basis of the value exports for 1948 were more than three times the 1938 total. Further overseas demand for these machine tools continues steadily to grow and this notwithstanding the fact that the efforts of competing nations to secure a share of the market have also been intensified.

The British makers, however, are not content to rest on their laurels but have already adopted a plan of demonstrating their products to buyers. One manufacturer is accomplishing this by using a mobile demonstration unit. This unit is touring Europe, its present itinerary, being Italy, Switzerland, France, Scandinavia and Spain. To ensure that these demonstrations are not prevented by local conditions the vehicle employed is capable of generating its own power supply to run the three heavy machines which it carries.

Neither is there any danger of the unit running short of raw material, for it carries sufficient quantity of this to enable it to operate away from bases for more than two months.



ENGINEERING PAGE



A "Liquid" Red Diamond 12-spout automatic filler, syringe and crowder, used by the Cosmos Aerated Water Company. The machine is capable of filling and sealing 22 to 28 bottles a minute. Watching the machine in operation are the Philippine Consul, Mr. T. C. Baja, Mrs. Baja, and Mr. Hubert H. Wong, General Manager of the Cosmos Aerated Water Company—"Lido" photo.

Two-Way Telephony For Road Vehicles

For many years aircraft have enjoyed two-way communication with their ground stations; and long ago successful experiments were carried out with telephony from trains, in many countries; but it remained for the war to develop a practical system of two-way telephony applicable to fast-moving road vehicles. Today, that system is being applied to scores of peaceful purposes.

In Britain it has been christened officially Business Radio, and the British Post Office now issues Business Radio licences enabling widely differing industries to use the new VHF (Very High Frequency) two-way radio telephony system. Constable and river tug fleets, taxi-cabs, railway marshalling yards, newspapers, electricity undertakings, building contractors, doctors, and green-grocery distributors have all found valuable use for it. In police work it has added one hundred per cent to the effectiveness of roving police patrols and created a new terror for criminals.

Leading the way in this important new industrial and administrative development is Pyc Telecommunications of the University of Cambridge, historic centre of scientific research. The Pyc Company, mobilising its great resources for research, did much in the war years to develop the efficient radio VHF intercommunication which had a great influence on the ultimate result. In addition to work on radar and all the specialist radio services which the war called forth, it is not surprising therefore that through their Telecommunications branch, created for the specific purpose of continuing this research and development for present-day applications, they should have been responsible for more than eighty per cent of the business VHF mobile radio telephony equipment now in use in the British commercial world.

Moreover, within the year and a half since the first business installation was successfully carried out on a fleet of tugs operating on the English rivers Tyne and Wear—and which instantly began to prove its value—similar equipment has been designed for and exported to a score of countries for use in various administrations and industries.

Licence Granted

The definite acceptance of the new VHF equipment for business use having now been obtained, it was obvious that manufacturers of the apparatus were free to approach industry with a view to the sale of the apparatus, and since Pyc had led the way in designing appropriate gear, it was not unfitting that they should have been instrumental in obtaining Business Radio Licence No. 1—as the new commercial R/T service was rather unimaginationally christened—on behalf of "Camtax," a Cambridge taxi cab and hire service car firm. This licence was granted on August 27, 1947, and no sooner had the fixed station and the mobile units been installed in the Camtax company's offices and cabs, that it began to prove itself a remarkable money saver in time and petrol. Within a month the firm was reporting an estimated saving of 30 per cent in petrol and tyres and consequent wear and tear. Obviously, a few business radio services had arrived, and a development which, hitherto, had been reserved to the Home Office and the military, was being put to considerable demand for industrial use.

The modifications made to which this VHF R/T apparatus has been put are an 1800 to 2200 cycle/sec. The Police use of course is

New Design Of Washing Machine

A new machine designed by Mr. W. J. Morrison, Chief Engineer of the Eastern National omnibus company, Limited, provides an economical substitute for the expensive and bulky tunnels now generally employed for washing omnibuses.

The new machine, manufactured by Messrs. Strathstone, Limited, 7, Herbrand Street, London, W.C.1., consists essentially of a row of rotating flaps, which are enclosed in troughs. These troughs fit round the sides and rear of the vehicle to be cleaned and can be raised and lowered electrically. A distributing system, which supplies water at a low pressure through a number of fine holes, is installed beneath the flaps.

The vehicle to be washed is driven between two guide rails on the floor of the depot until a beam of light falls on a photo-electric cell and thus indicates to the driver that the correct forward-and-aft position has been reached. Moreover, the washing machine, which is suspended from the roof, can be adjusted as it descends to enclose the vehicle.

Water Turned On

The water is turned on, the machine is lowered, the cleaning flaps rotate and remove the mud and dirt which has been previously soaked and loosened by the water. Cleaning continues until the machine reaches the floor, when it automatically stops. The control lever is next moved into the "up" position, thus reversing the machine, which rises until it again comes to rest in the roof. The machine can be traversed without the flaps being rotated. Under these conditions the body of the bus is gently swilled with water and the vehicle is given a final rinse, which improves the finish of the coachwork. The flaps, driven by four 1 h.p. motors are made of rubberised fabric and many hundreds of vehicles can be washed before the replacement of the flaps is necessary.

New Industry For Producing 'Diatomite'

In the remote Island of Skye, around the edge of lonely Loch Culithir, a Glasgow engineer, Mr. Hugo B. Millar has started a new industry for the production of a substance called Diatomite.

This substance can be used for a wide variety of purposes ranging from insulators and fire bricks to cosmetics and insecticides. The Scottish Office has given a 50-year lease of the land to a company owned by Mr. Millar and work on the project has already begun.

First estimates put the maximum production at between 250,000 and 300,000 tons.

Chemical analysis shows the Scottish deposits are of high quality and there is likely eventually to be enough to start a new export industry. A three-mile road is to be constructed to link the Loch with the outside world. When the road is completed next year, mechanical extraction of diatomite deposits will begin.

Until then a handful of men will do the work by hand collecting from 40,000,000 to 70,000,000 cells in every cubic inch. When deposits around the Loch have been exhausted, it is planned that the water should be drained away by a tunnel. The most promising soil is believed to be underneath.

Mr. Millar's Company—Scottish Diatomite Ltd., formed by Messrs. R.D. Millar of Glasgow—is taking over part of the Kilmuir Estate in Skye, now administered by the Scottish Office. Mr. Arthur Woodburn, MP, Secretary of State for Scotland, has said that Skye deposits are the finest available anywhere in the British Commonwealth. He also said that in addition to the road to be built with Government help the Company would construct secondary roads and light railways to carry earth from the Lochside.

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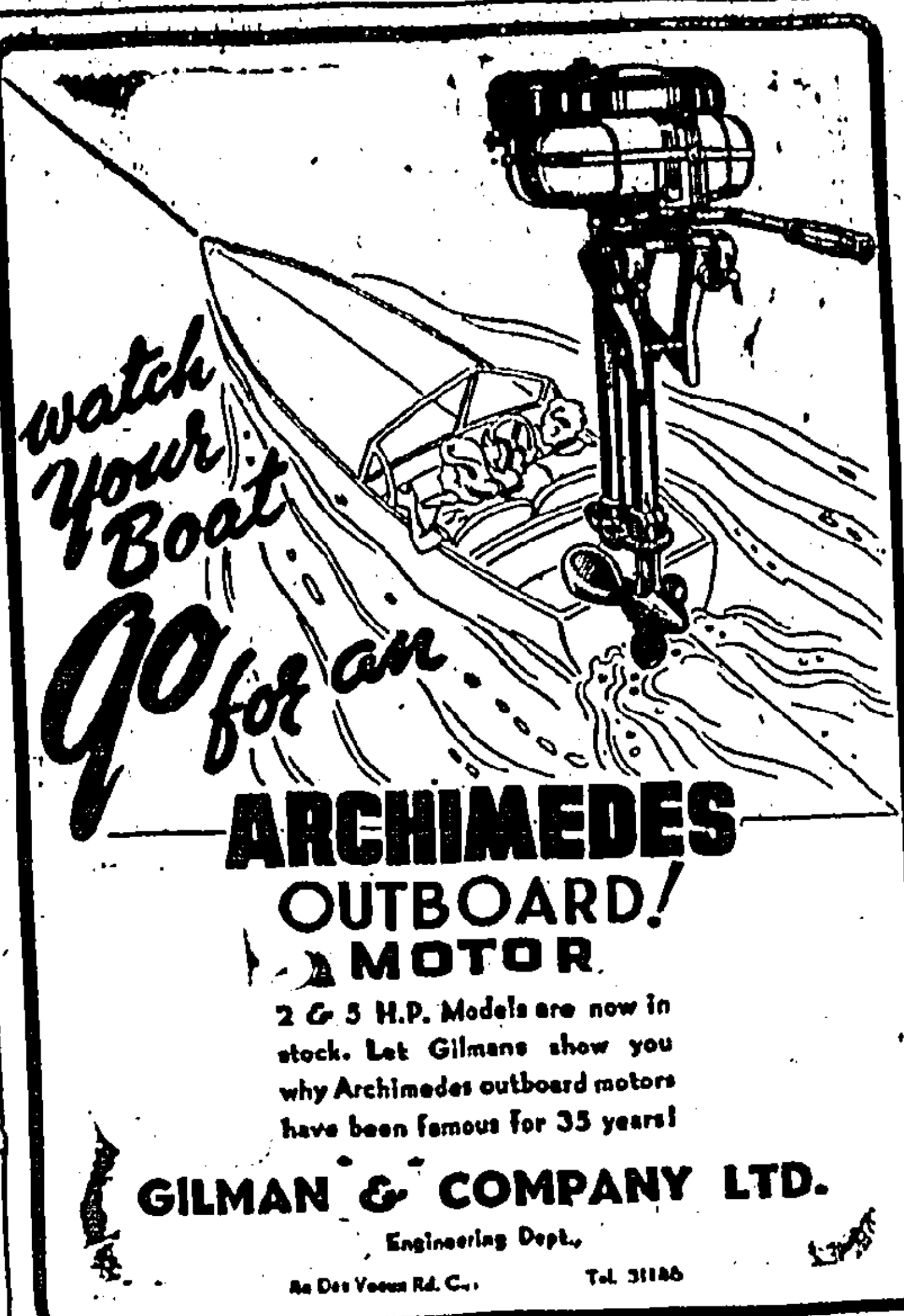
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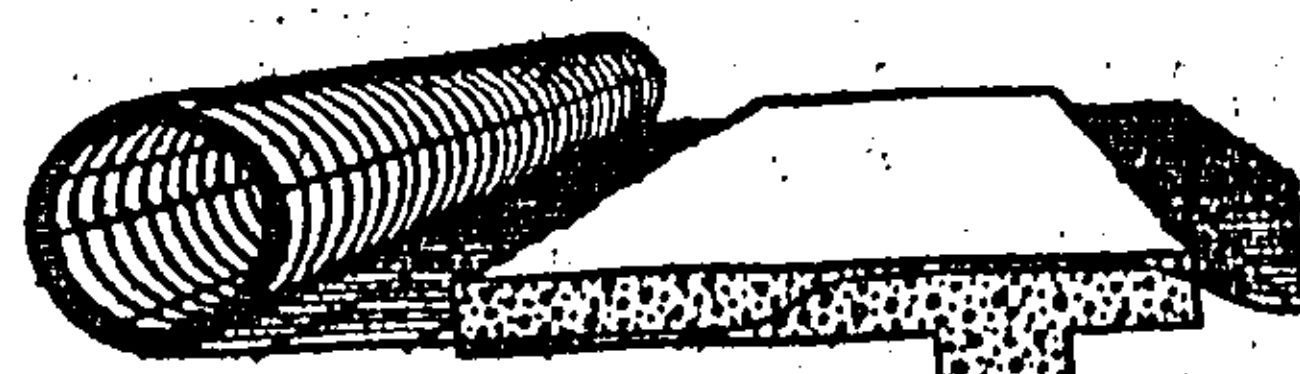
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HUNGARY AND THE CHURCH

Budapest, June 14. The Hungarian Government wants an agreement with the Roman Catholic Church in the spirit of mutual understanding and conciliation, the Prime Minister, Istvan Dobi, told the new Hungarian Parliament today.

M. Dobi said that Hungarian foreign trade will undergo a basic reorganisation to make the country completely independent of "capitalist economic crises."

Trade with the Soviet Union will be increased and that with the Western countries decreased correspondingly, he said.

M. Dobi's speech to the newly elected Deputies dealt mainly with the domestic and foreign programme of the new Government, announced last Friday.

He said that the basic tasks of the new Government and Parliament are the economic plan and the active defence of international peace.

The three-year plan, which had been linked with reconstruction, is soon to be successfully completed and hard work lies ahead for the fulfilment of the five-year plan which will change the structure of Hungary's economy, he said.

Production has risen rapidly in all branches.

M. Dobi said that the Constitution which is to be promulgated this summer will be the expression of the people's democratic system leading to Socialism and will also regulate relations between the State and the Church.

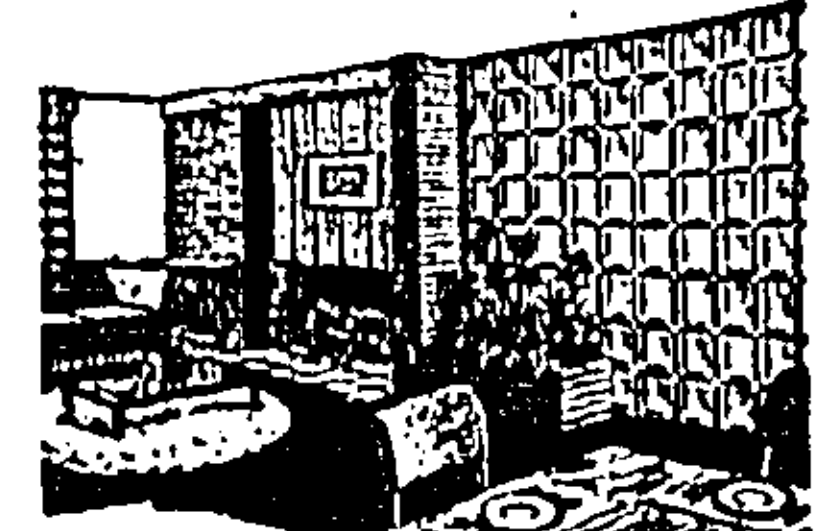
He sharply attacked the Yugoslav Government of Marshal Tito whom he called a "vanguard of Imperialism" and "traitors to the Peace Front."—Reuter.

FRANCO-SPANISH TRADE PACT

Madrid, June 14. A trade agreement between Spain and France was signed by the Spanish Foreign Minister, Senhor Alberto Martin Artajo, and the French Government representative in Spain today.

It provides for an exchange of goods totalling more than 23,000 million francs.—Reuter.

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London, June 14. British West Coast ports, crippled in recent weeks by one of the most serious and complicated industrial disputes since the war, will be back to normal working tomorrow.

Two thousand dockers at Bristol and Avonmouth decided today to resume work. Ten thousand dockers at Liverpool, who had been idle in support of the Bristol and Avonmouth men, went back yesterday.

This success of the joint efforts of the Government, the employers and trade union officials to restore peace encouraged hopes that the unrest on the State-run British Railways may also be smoothed out this week.

The crucial moment in this dispute will come on Thursday, when the 500,000-strong National Union of Railwaymen holds a national conference to discuss the dispute.

There are indications that the "token" strikes staged on the last five Sundays to protest against the new schedules involving locomotive crews spending nights away from their homes, will be less serious next week-end—if they are not averted altogether by a prior settlement.

The most serious threat on the railways now centres on the entirely separate claim for an all-round 10 shillings a week wage rise for all railwaymen. The Railway Executive is refusing to negotiate on this claim until it is satisfied that the National Union of Railwaymen is giving its full co-operation in ending the Sunday strikes.

A London conference of the N.U.R. last night decided to call on all 500,000 London railwaymen to launch a full-scale "go slow" movement on July 4 if the wage claim has not been satisfied by then. Such a movement would create chaos in the capital.

No Victimisation

The Bristol and Avonmouth dockers voted about 50 to 50 to return to work tomorrow. They were given assurances that no one will be victimised and that no Canadian ships tied up in other ports will be diverted to Bristol or Avonmouth.

The trouble began on April 1, when the Canadian Seamen's Union called a worldwide strike and began a full-scale "war" with the rival International Seafarers' Union. The Avonmouth dockers decided to support the Canadian strikers.

The dispute became more acute with the arrival of the Montreal City on May 13, manned by a crew of Seafarers' Union members. The dockers refused to discharge her and the port employers decided not to employ any dockers on any ship until they were prepared to handle the Canadian cargo.

In the resulting deadlock, the Government drafted in 1,200 troops to discharge vital food cargoes. Among the ships discharged by the troops was the Montreal City. The dockers expressed a hope that the troops would also load her and that she would then sail from the port so that they could return to work without changing their stand. This hope was shattered last night by a Ministry of Transport announcement that troops would not be permitted to load any vessel.

"Bigger Pocket"

The dockers' leader, Mr. Joe Doody, told a mass meeting today: "The Government have refused to allow troops to load the Montreal City and the owners have said that she will remain idle until we return. They have a bigger pocket than we have and if you leave it too late, we will be out for ever."

He then called for and was given the vote authorising tomorrow's return to work. The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of France, which was

threatened by the Liverpool dock strike with the return to Canada of more than 5,000 tons of food and machinery, was able to discharge her cargo through an all-out effort by the dockers, who returned to work on Monday.

Working until the last moment before she left today, the men managed to get on board 300 tons of exports after taking out the grain, rolled oats and cheese that she had brought last Friday from Montreal.—Reuter.

NEW DUTCH MINISTER

The Hague, June 14. Mr. J. H. van Maarseveen, Dutch Minister of Home Affairs, will be appointed Minister of Overseas Territories within a few days. It was officially announced today.

Mr. Van Maarseveen has been temporarily filling the post in addition to his duties as Home Affairs Minister.

The Minister intends to visit Indonesia shortly to gain first-hand knowledge of the situation there.

Mr. J. R. H. van Schaik, Minister Without Portfolio, will be appointed Interim Minister of Home Affairs.—Reuter.

Citizenship Bill To Go Through

Johannesburg, June 14. Dr. Daniel Malan, South African Prime Minister, told Parliament tonight that the Government fully intends to go through with its citizenship Bill, abolishing British citizenship in the Union and imposing a five-year waiting period for full Union citizenship on British immigrants.

Loud Government cheers greeted his statement on the third day of the debate on the Bill's second reading that the Bill, which has aroused nationwide protests, will definitely be on the Statute Book this session. He will not give way to the Opposition, he said. If the Opposition wishes to keep the session going until September, the Government is ready to sit until then.

The Opposition is opposing a Bill applying decisions reached at this year's Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in London. The Opposition argues that the Bill deprives them of their status as British subjects. British subjects have been confined to Britain and her colonies since the Statute of Westminster in 1931 accorded the Dominions equal status with Britain. That so-called equal status still exists but has now lost its content with the constitutional development in India.

The term was embodied in Citizenship Acts passed by other members of the Commonwealth but these measures were passed before the Prime Ministers' Conference.

"RUSSIA IN POSITION FOR WAR"

Madrid, June 14. General Franco today told his troops that Russia has moved into position for a new war.

In a speech before an assembly of officers and men he said that modern weapons are not enough to win a war. The spirit of sacrifice is essential.

General Franco condemned the marauding killings of women, children and ancient in modern warfare.

In the event of war the entire nation must resist in the mountains and in the valleys without regard to age or sex, General Franco said.

General Franco cited as an example the glorious war of independence against Napoleon and said that in spite of the increased power of modern weapons, future wars will be decided by patriotism and the will of the people to fight behind the lines.—United Press and Associated Press.

Earthquake Forecast "Somewhere"

London, June 14. Mr. William Wheeler, the 61-year-old Londoner who last January correctly predicted an earthquake in Italy, today forecast another within the next 24 hours but he did not say in what part of the world.

Mr. Wheeler said that he does not expect it to be serious. Since his prediction in January caused chaos in some parts of Italy, he has declined to give the locality of any of his predictions. Two weeks ago, he forecast a slight tremor "somewhere" on June 12, last Sunday, and one was duly recorded in Glamorgan-shire, Wales. His previous prediction was for May 24 and two days later the Bombay Observatory recorded an earthquake of moderate intensity in China's far Western province of Sinkiang.

Nobody knows how he works out his predictions. His wife and daughter are not allowed to watch him at work but they say he spends all his spare time poring over books.—Reuter.

Gold Shares Slump In Johannesburg

Johannesburg, June 14. The shares of two companies primarily concerned in the fabulously rich Erfdeal gold strike of June 3 slumped on the stock market here tonight after the announcement of another strike only a few inches away and less than 1-200th as rich. The two companies are the Free State Gold Areas, who hold options over Erfdeal, and the Union Free State Mining, the parent concern.

In a wild wave of selling, the Free State Gold Areas' shares slumped 15—after touching 33/9, earlier in the day, while Union Free State Mining fell to 18/6d from an earlier peak of 23/6d.

The shares slumped after the Central Mining and Investment Corporation had announced that a fourth deflection made near the rich 56,103-inch pennyweights intersection at Erfdeal had shown only 231-inch pennyweights.

Just over a week ago, Free State Gold Areas touched 46/—and Union Free State Mining 52/6d.

Sydney Campbell, Reuter's financial editor, writes that little surprise is felt in London at the announcement.

Boreholes are always chancy, and Free State Gold Areas' shares in Johannesburg tonight slumped to just where they started from on the eve of the phenomenal news of June 3.

Nine Days' Wonder

The borehole core from the phenomenal intersection must have weighed about 12 ounces and contained about a fifth of an ounce of gold, worth about 33 shillings.

Arithmetically, that equals 520 ounces or more than £4,000 worth per ton as the rock lay or about £600 per ton as it would be mined. But the calculation always depends on there being as much as a ton of such rich ore.

Although the great borehole has proved almost literally a nine days' wonder, averaged over all five intersections made, or even excluding the phenomenal one it is still rich and interesting.—Reuter.

DISMANTLING IN THE RUHR

Berlin, June 14. There were no further barricades and resistance by German workers when dismantling of plant condemned as of potential military value began at four Ruhr factories today in accordance with Allied orders.

Yesterday, German workers had thrown up barricades and shown hostility to the squads sent in to take the machines down. Some men in the dismantling teams refused to work because of this opposition and were threatened with prosecution by a Control Commission Court.

Today, work went on quietly at the four plants listed to be stripped of certain machinery under phase one of the Allied dismantling plan.

The factories are the Essen Coal Company's synthetic plant at Bergshummen, the Dortmund Farben works, the Geverschaft Viktor works at Caetrop-Rauel, and the Krupp's Synthetic Petrol Works at Wanne-Eickel.—Reuter.

London Talks On The East

London, June 14. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is calling a London conference of British representatives in the Middle East for the last week of July.

The purposes of the conference will be:

1.—To discuss the effect of the political and economic developments in the Middle East since a similar meeting was held in 1945.

2.—To consider current problems, such as those of Arab refugees, reported to number about three-quarters of a million, as a result of the Palestine war; and

3.—To review the progress made through the Middle East Office, and by other means, in assisting and advising Middle East States on economic and social matters.

Attending the meeting will be Sir John Troutbeck, head of the Middle East Office, the Government body formed to give expert advice to Middle East States on economic and social matters, which has its headquarters in Cairo.

Mr. Bevin is reported to be particularly interested in economic and social problems throughout the Middle East.

Others attending the conference will be Sir John Le Rouzel, British Ambassador to Iran, Mr. P. M. Broadmead, Minister to Syria, Mr. W. E. Houstoun-Boswall, Minister to the Lebanon, Sir Alec Kirkbride, Minister to Transjordan, Sir W. H. G. Mack, Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, and Sir Ronald Campbell, Ambassador to Egypt. The Governor of Aden, Sir R. Champion, and Colonel Sir William Hay, British Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, will also be present.—Reuter.

TRANS-PACIFIC AIR MAILS

Melbourne, June 14. Pan-American Airways' representatives hope to discuss with the Postmaster-General's Department a reciprocal arrangement which will considerably speed up trans-Pacific air mails.

Pan-American Airways intends to proceed with a bi-weekly service between San Francisco and Sydney with subsequent increase of service to tri-weekly.

At present all trans-Pacific air-mail is carried by the British Pacific Airways but it is hoped that a reciprocal arrangement can be reached by which Pan-American operates service on days on which the British line does not operate.—United Press.

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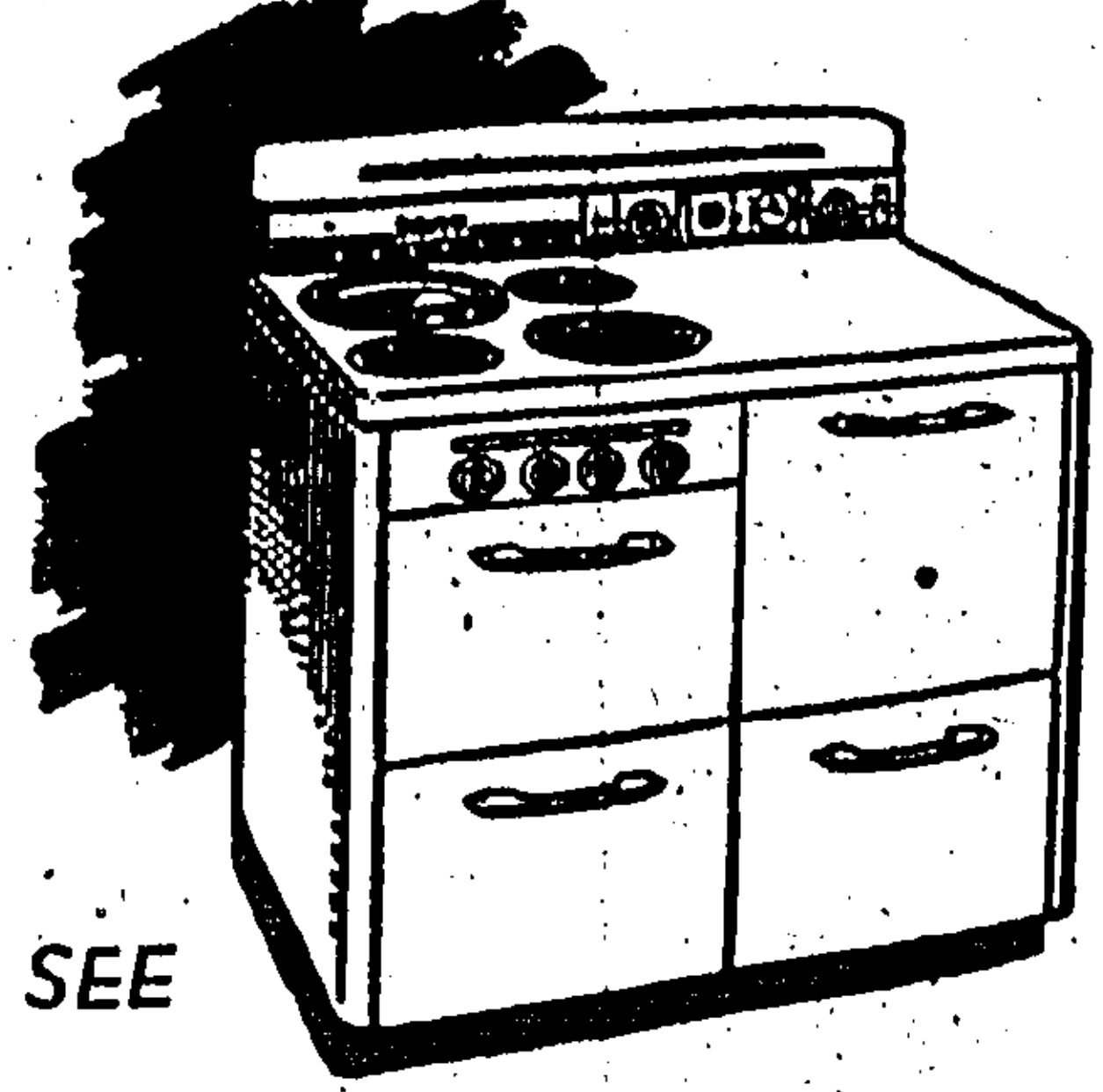
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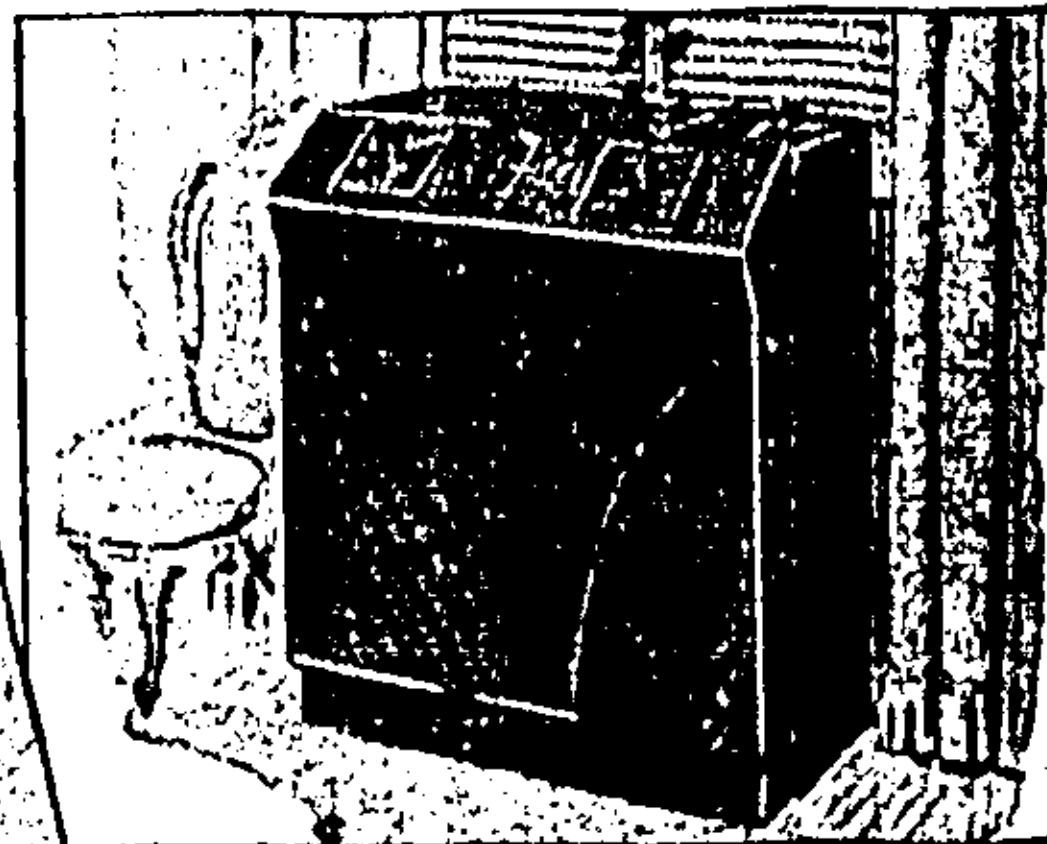
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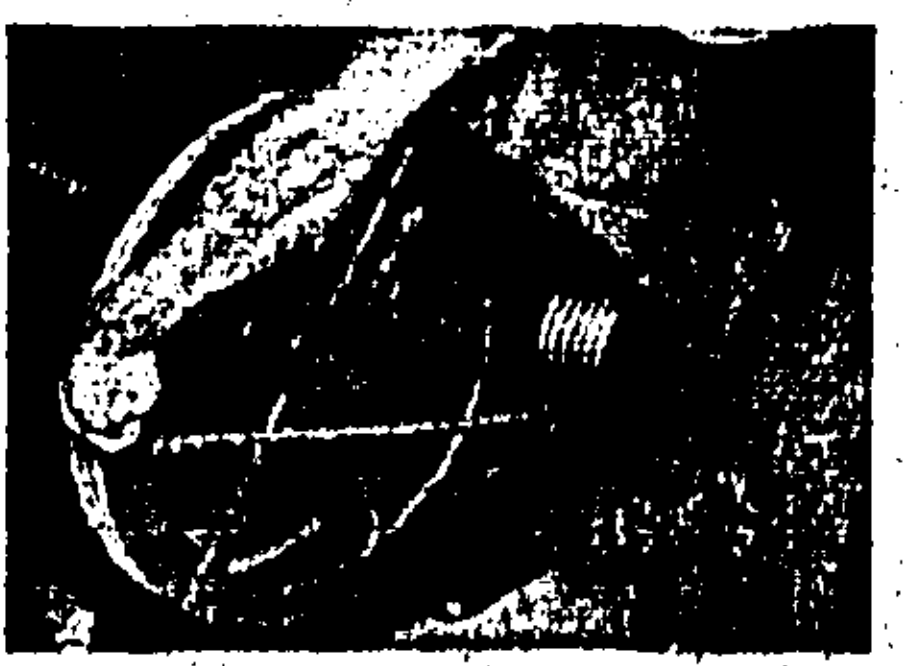
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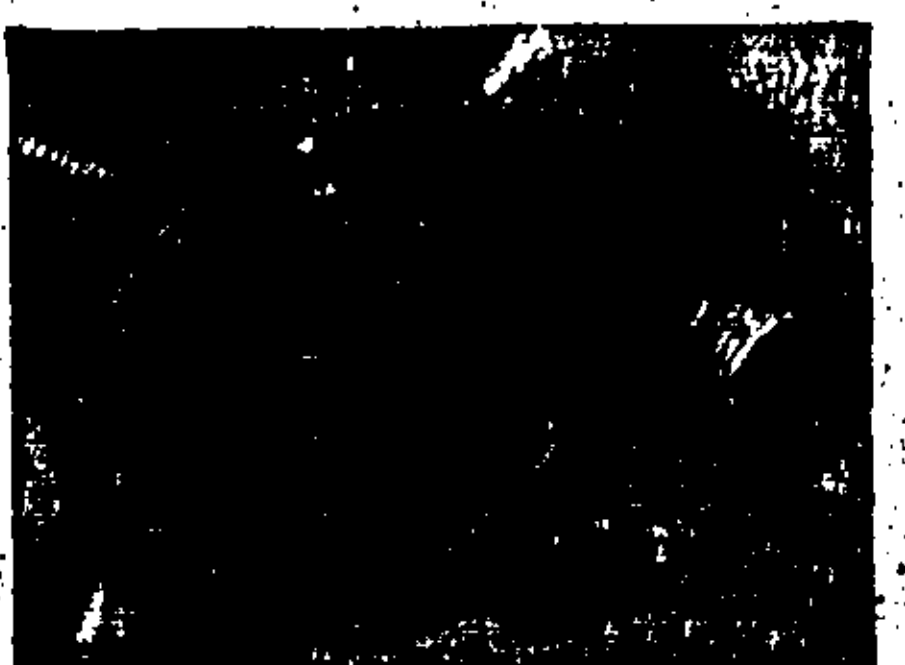
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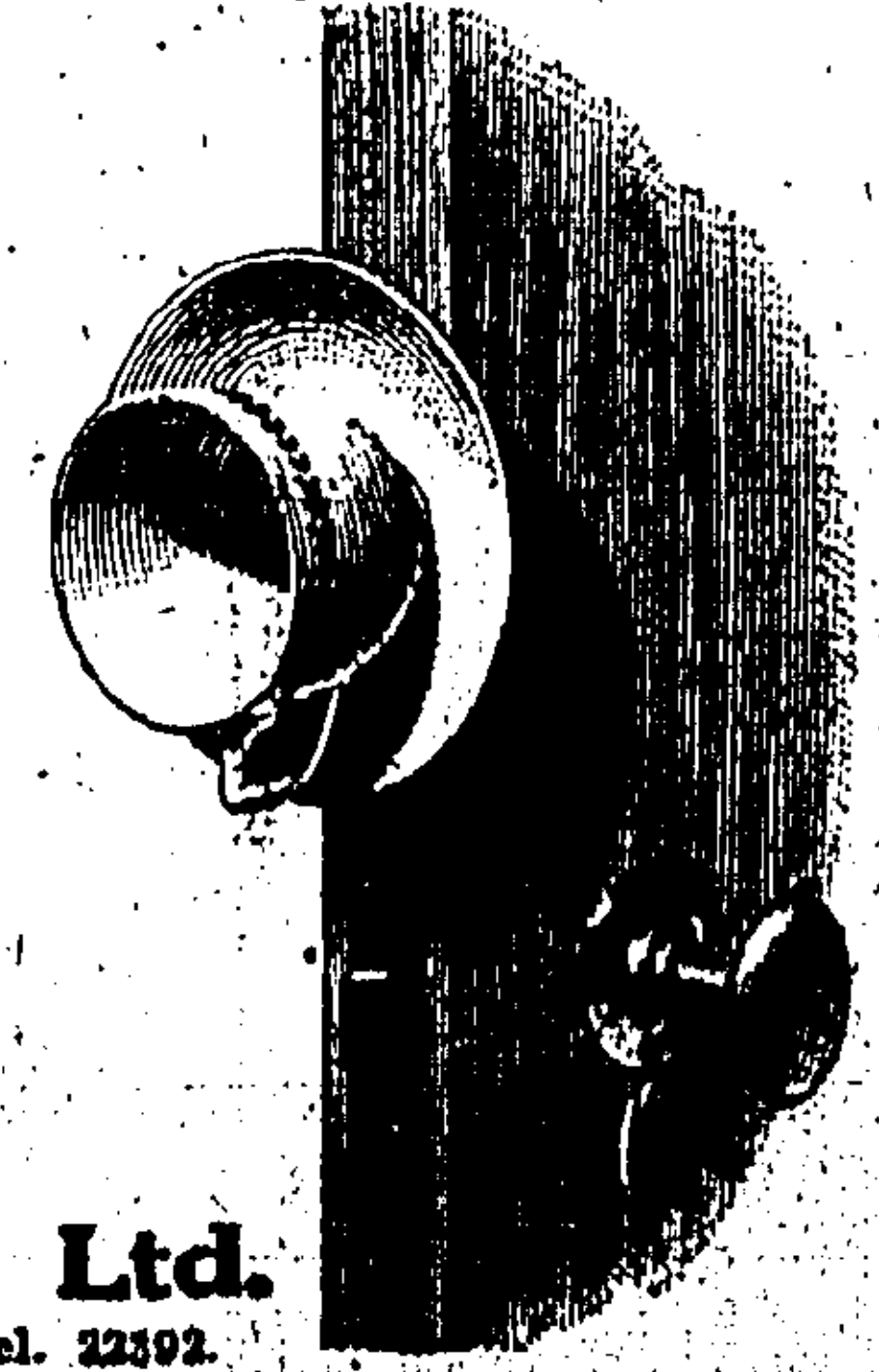
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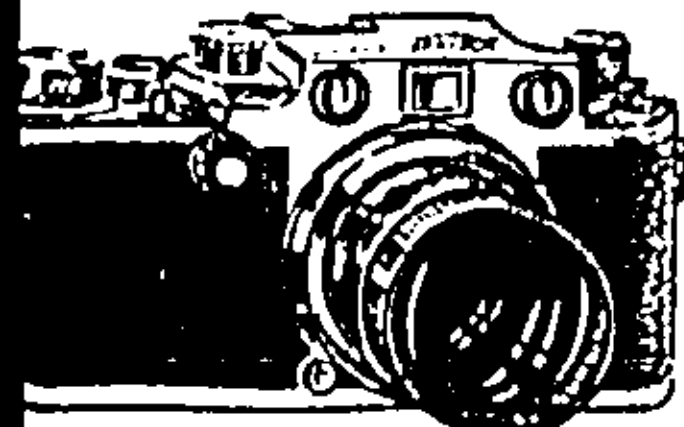
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Geneva, June 14.

India, South Africa and Poland strongly criticised the International Labour Office today when its 61 delegates met in plenary session here. Mr. Suresh Chandra Banerjee, chief delegate of workers, accused the Office of apathy and indifference towards the Asiatic countries. The Office concentrates too much on conditions in industrial countries, at the expense of predominantly agricultural nations, he said.

Mr. Banerjee said: "The Office's contacts with extra-European countries are in many cases fragile and non-existent. This defect will have to be removed."

"These countries need the services of an organisation of this type more than European countries. There is a feeling among my countrymen, which I, too, share, that the International Labour Office is influenced more by European countries and the United States of America. India and the Asiatic countries, however large in population, receive scant attention."

"There are many problems peculiar to these countries which, though a social worker, but they have rarely figured here on the agenda."

"The International Labour Office in future should pay more attention towards the implementation of its conventions and recommendations, bring into the limelight problems of backward nations, pay special visits to countries which are socially backward and help them to resort to proper measures for their uplift and try by every means possible to expose coercion, exploitation and tyranny exercised in any country and in a general manner serve as watch-dog and protect the social interests of the workers of the world."

Mr. Banerjee said that the Labour Office concentrates too much attention on industrialised countries at the expense of agricultural ones.

Stating that millions of men, women and children in large areas of Africa and Asia are employed in agriculture, he said: "There are no laws for them in a large number of countries. They suffer from under-employment and sometimes unemployment. There is no minimum guaranteed wage for them. They are still unconscious of their rights as human beings."

SARAT BOSE
ELECTED

Calcutta, June 14.
Sarat Bose, brother of Subhas Chandra Bose (wartime commander of the Japanese Allied Indian National Army), won a by-election for a seat in the Bombay provincial legislature today. Sarat Bose, standing as an anti-Congress candidate, defeated the official Congress candidates by more than 13,000 votes. Despite persistent rumours that he was then still alive, Subhas Chandra Bose was found by an official inquiry to have died in a Taiwan hospital on August 18, 1945, as a result of a plane crash while he was on the way from Singapore to Japan.—Associated Press.

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Attack On
Estate In
Indonesia

Bandung, June 14.
Four terrorists were killed and 16 wounded when a gang some 100 strong attacked Gunung Tjempaka estate near Tjibber in Tjandjur district, West Java, on Wednesday night, belated reports quoted by Aneta, the Dutch news-agency, said.

The attackers made two assaults, but were repulsed both times. Armed with an estimated 60 Sten guns, a Lewis gun and a Japanese grenade thrower, the terrorists barricaded the only road leading to the estate. One of the estate guards was killed. A passenger was killed, and three wounded when a jeep struck a mine on the Pandan-Bangil highway in East Java on Sunday morning.—Reuter.

CLAIMS FOR
HOLIDAY PAY

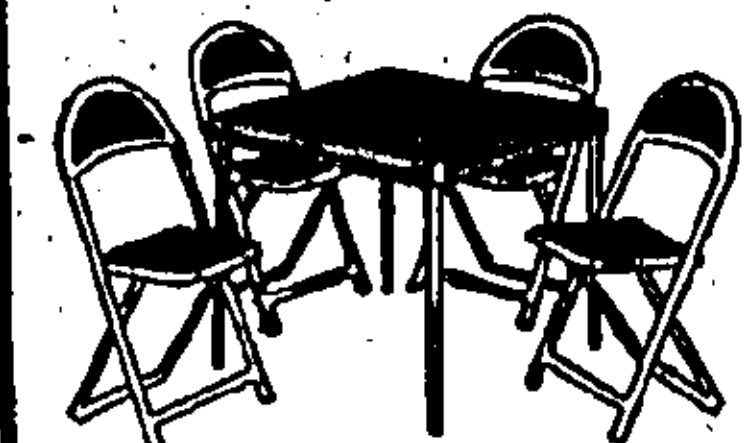
Brussels, June 14.
All Belgium's communications and public utility services will be immobilised on Friday when 100,000 workers stage a one-hour sit down strike to press holiday pay claims.

The strikers will include all railway, tram, bus, gas and electricity workers, postmen, telephone and telegraph workers, street cleaners and dustmen.

They total roughly five per cent of Belgium's working population. They claim double pay for holidays which workers in private industry already get. Railwaymen and public utility workers receive a holiday bonus of 500 Belgian francs or roughly half the average weekly wage.—Reuter.

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Russia Stops
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For America

Washington, June 15.
Russia completely stopped shipments of manganese and chrome to the United States during April, a U.S. Census Bureau report disclosed today.

It noted that the complete absence of these two vital steel-hardening metals in April imports from Russia was the first since January of last year. The U.S. has been stockpiling manganese and chrome against a possible war emergency.—Associated Press.

She Opened
The Vicar's
Letters

Steeple Ashton, June 15.
When was in the letters the vicar wrote to the young ladies? The Postmistress, Mary Tye, had an itch to know.

She was fined £100 for opening letters to find out, and now there's a new Postmistress. "I was curious," Mrs. Tye told the court. "I know I was doing wrong but the practice grew on me and I found I could not resist it."

She said she went on from looking at the vicar's letters to opening at others. She said she never told anybody what she found out.

Colonel J. P. Pye, chairman of the court, told Mrs. Tye: "The whole fabric of this village's life might have been undermined by your action."—Associated Press.

THUNDERBOLTS
IN MALTA

Valetta, June 14.
Sixteen United States Air Force Thunderbolt fighters arrived today non-stop from Neuburg in Bavaria on a two-week gunnery training visit to Malta.—Reuter.

ANOTHER CHINESE
APPEAL FOR HELP

College Park, Maryland, June 14.

Dr. Chen Chih-mai, Councillor of the Chinese Embassy, said today that if Nationalist China falls, Communism will sweep all over Asia.

He urged the United States to give encouragement and support to the Nationalist Government and its people who, he said, are fighting in desperation against the advancing Reds.

Speaking at the University of Maryland, Dr. Chen said: "The Chinese people today in their fight against Communism sorely need encouragement from the leading nation championing the cause of the freedom of democracy."

"The Chinese are fighting in desperation. They want to have an assurance of support or people on their side. The Chinese people want to be assured that they are not being sold down the river by the United States."

He found many misconceptions regarding this totalitarian movement, particularly, as it is developing in the Far East, he said.

Dr. Chen referred to assertions that the Chinese Communists are merely agrarian reformers.

He said: "There is only one Communist movement directed by one world centre of power. To ascribe any nationalistic

Natural Buffer

"While the Nationalist Government is hard-pressed, the area of Free China today is still larger than Free China after only six months of war against Japan."

"Half of China with more than 200,000,000 people is still free. These people must be given the will to fight to defend their freedom of cultural heritage."

Dr. Chen added: "Free China is the natural territory to build up as a buffer between Northern and Southern Asia."

"If China remains free the danger of Communism in Southern Asia will be considerably decreased. If China falls, the position of all of Asia, including Japan and Korea, will become untenable."—United Press.

PEACE PLAN
FOR JAVA

Batavia, June 14.
The underground Indonesian Republic "government" in Sumatra today broadcast a four-point programme for ending Dutch-Indonesian rivalry in the East Indies.

The broadcast said the underground government will support a peace accord provided:

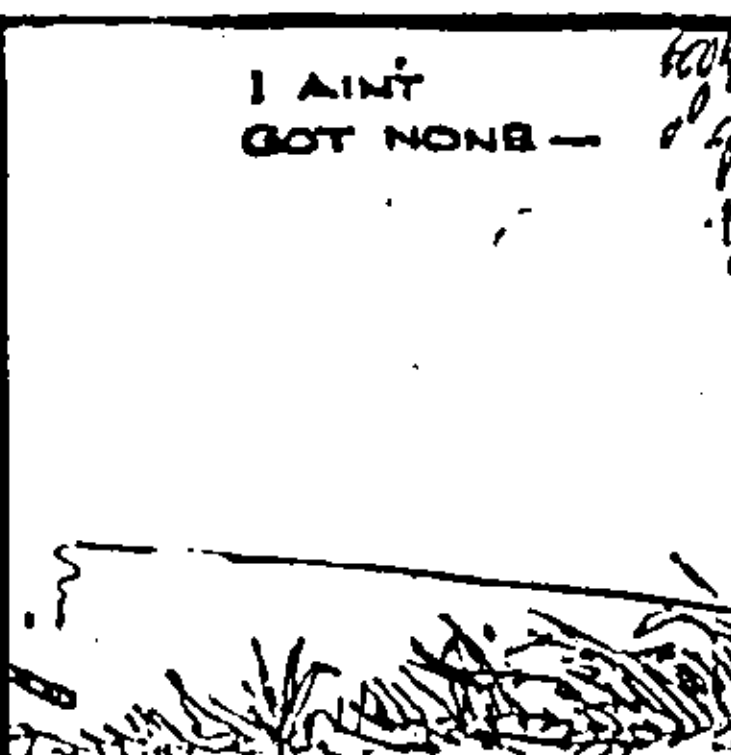
1. The Republican army is allowed to hold its present positions.
2. The Dutch Army withdraws gradually.
3. Jogjakarta is restored unconditionally as the Republican capital.
4. The Dutch recognise Republican sovereignty over Java, Sumatra and Madura.

The statement was broadcast in the name of the Republican Economic Minister, Sjarifuddin Prawiranegara, who, head of the emergency government.—United Press.

Asmara, June 14.

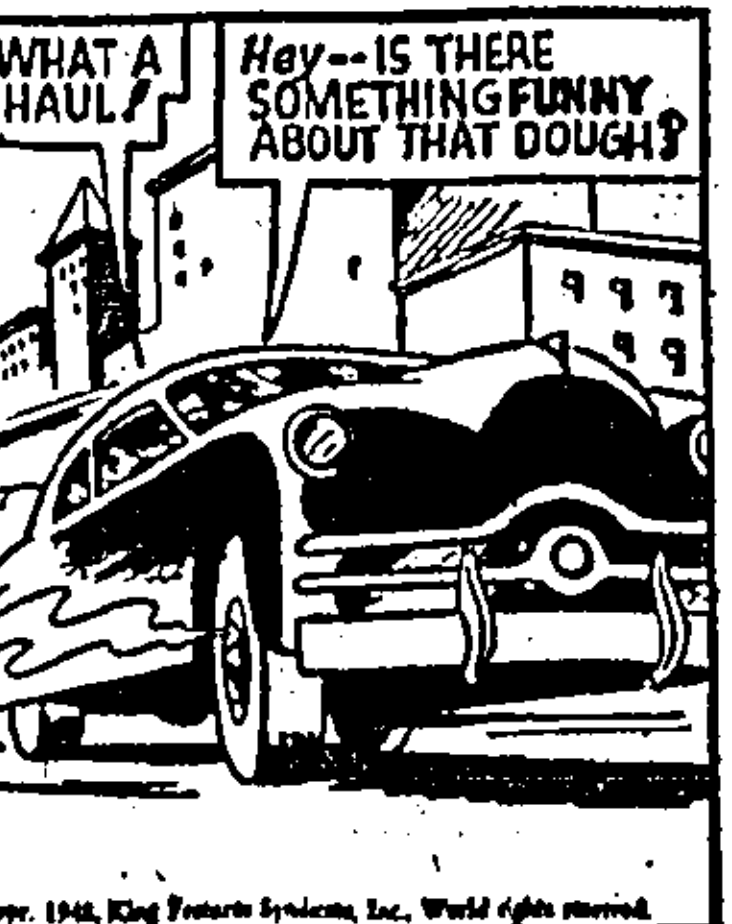
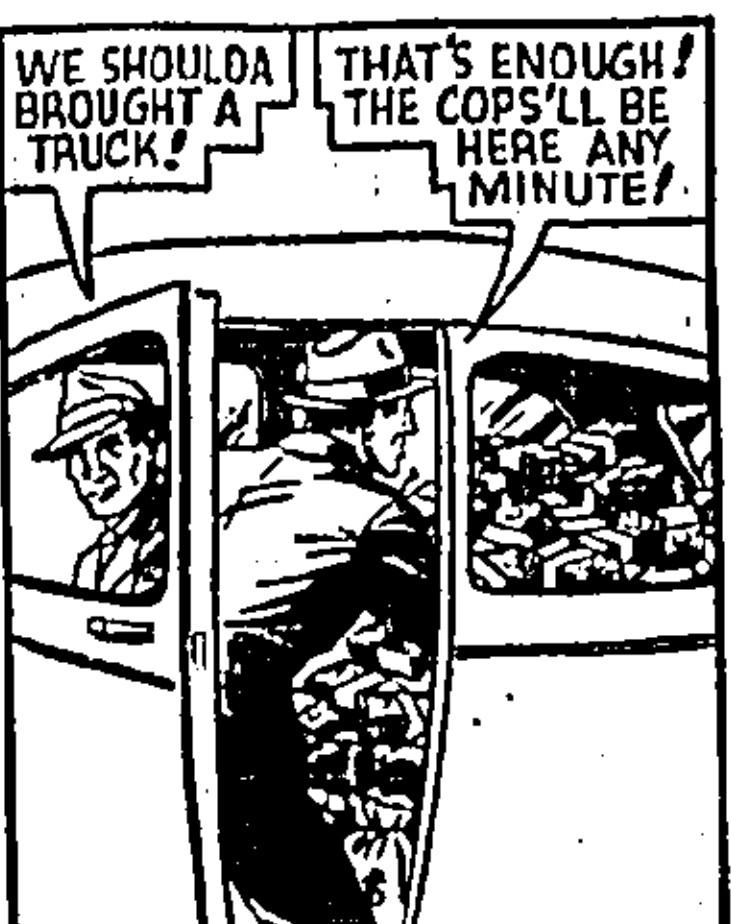
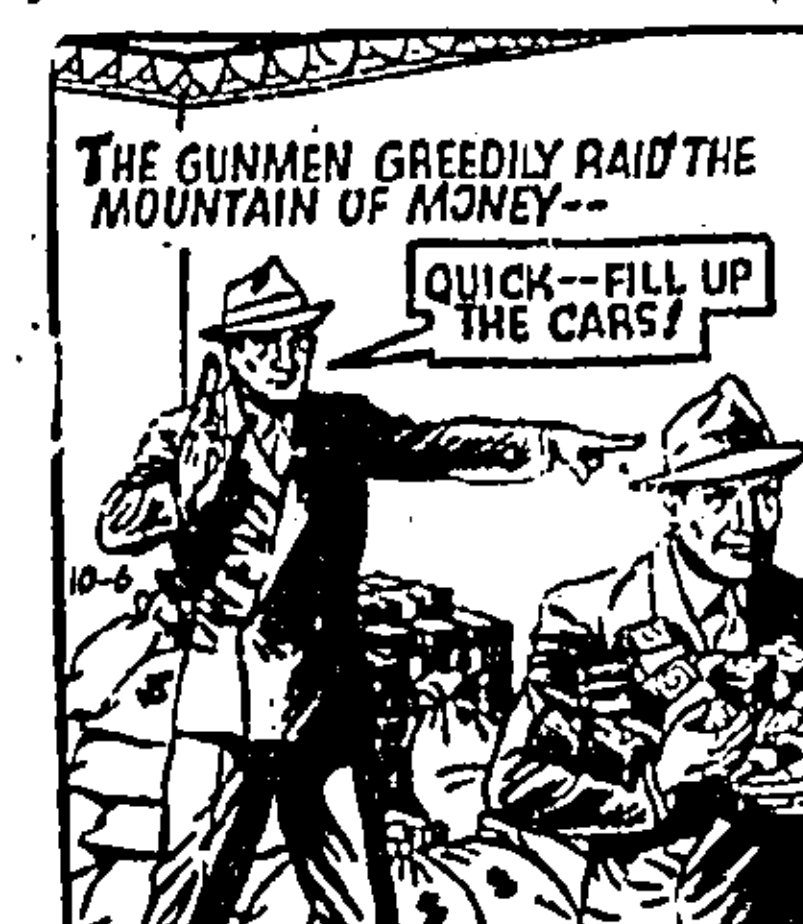
The Italian language newspaper, "Eritrea Nuova," said today that recent reports of an armed revolution in Ethiopia stemmed from a series of ambushes by the wild Galla tribesmen in which nine persons were killed.—United Press.

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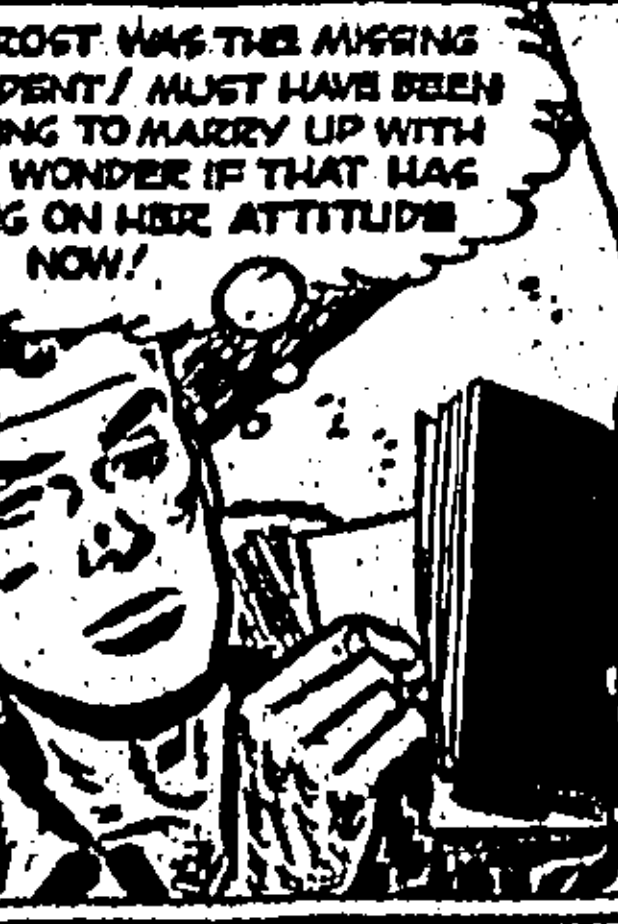
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"TJISADANE"	22nd June	21st June
"TJIBADAK"		

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SAILINGS ARRIVALS

"VAN RIENSDIJK"	20th June	20th June
"VAN HEUTSZ"	15th July	6th July

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Marsden Investments 9 1/2, 9 1/2, 9 1/2.

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BRITAIN'S CASE IN ARGENTINA TREATY

London, June 14.

Some details became known today of the British arguments against Washington's protest that the five-year Anglo-Argentine trade pact is for too long a term.

Responsible financial quarters have argued that a five-year agreement is necessary because Argentina will not until 1954 be receiving and paying for many of the major capital goods she will have ordered in 1952.

If the life of the agreement is reduced to three years, as Washington appears to desire, such Argentine orders could be placed in Britain only up to next year, and might then have to cease for lack of a payments agreement. Balance of deliveries, and therefore of payments, may run in Argentina's favour for as much as three years since it takes longer to produce capital goods than to produce meat or corn. Only in the fourth and fifth years would the payments be squared over the five years as a whole.

Thus the agreement must run long enough to allow Britain to get these payments. Otherwise, she would be paying Argentina promptly but would not be getting paid. It is also argued that neither side has made any firm commitment beyond the price of meat for one year. In responsible financial quarters it is said that there is nothing in the pact to prevent Argentina ceasing all purchases from the Sterling Area, including Sterling oil, if the United States can offer lower prices and Argentina can obtain the necessary dollars.

Up To Britain

The Argentine Government has merely agreed to limit certain quantities of British goods if there is a sufficient demand.

It will, therefore, be up to British exporters to provide the kind of consumer and capital goods that Argentine consumers and manufacturers want, and at the right prices.

Argentina wants capital goods rather than consumer goods and will only admit the latter if there is an internal demand. She can now have the Sterling to pay for some of both.

Thus British exporters will have to study the Argentine market. An Argentine purchasing mission may come to Britain to buy capital goods, but British producers of consumer goods will have to find or create a demand within Argentina.—Reuter.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, June 15. Wheat led other grains upward on the news that the Government wants flour and of a better cash market at Kansas City. Wheat closed 1-1/8-1-5/8 higher.

July \$1.05 5/8-3/8.
September \$1.05 3/4-7/8.
December \$1.07-1/8 7/8.
Corn 5/8-7/8 higher.
Oats 1/2-3/4 higher.
Rye unchanged-1 cent higher.
Soybeans 1-1/4-2-3/4 higher.
—Associated Press.

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India Wants Machinery From Russia

New Delhi, June 14.

An informed source said today that India hopes to receive food and machinery from Russia as a result of the trade talks now under way here.

The Russians want jute, tea and shellac, while India seeks wheat, barley, maize, fertilisers, industrial raw machinery.—Associated Press.

Money Market

The Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange, financial nerve centre of Hong Kong, was closed yesterday for the annual election of officers for the coming year.

The election took place at the Kam Ling Restaurant, West Point, at 1.30 p.m. yesterday, at which the more than 250 members of the Exchange gathered.

A review of the past year's trading on the Exchange was given by the outgoing President, Mr. Ho Shing-shing. He said the Exchange had gone through a troublous year of changes, but despite all difficulties it had been able to carry on.

In the ensuing election of officers, Mr. Tung Chung-wai, of the To Hang Bank, was elected President, and Mr. Fan Pok-man, of the Cheuk Kee Bank, vice-President.

Mr. Tung Chung-wai, past Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, had already served four terms as President of the Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange of Hong Kong.

In accordance with tradition, the Exchange was host at a Chinese dinner at the Kam Ling Restaurant in the evening, at which more than 500 guests were present.

LONDON STOCKS

London, June 15. Dullness prevailed throughout the stock market after Monday's sharp break in Wall Street. Leading industrial shares closed lower and fractional losses were recorded in gilt-edged securities on persistent light selling. Oils, mining issues, coppers and diamond shares were lower but Kamfirs held steady.

Financial Times' index 103.4.—Associated Press.

NY COTTON

New York, June 15. Cotton futures were steady in active trading and closed 25 cents to 50 cents a bale higher. July 20.24-25.
October 20.01.
December 20.02 nominal.
March 20.77 bid.
May 20.77 bid.
July 20.72 bid.
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—Associated Press.

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, June 15.

A pick-up in demand checked a sliding stock market on Tuesday. Buying was far from aggressive but it was enough to interrupt the month-long decline that on Monday touched a 4 1/2 year low. Key stocks moved up for gains of fractions to more than a point.

Transfers totalled 1,120,000. Some brokers suggested buying was attracted by failure of the market to break more decisively on Monday. Among gainers were U.S. Gypsum, Richfield Oil, Twentieth Century Fox and Sinclair Oil. Losgards included Aircraft, Allied Chemical and Union Pacific.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 57.88; 20 Industrials 101.86; 15 Ralls 41.41; 10 Utilities 32.89.

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OYONNAX	Europe	Sec. half July
OWENDO	Europe	end July
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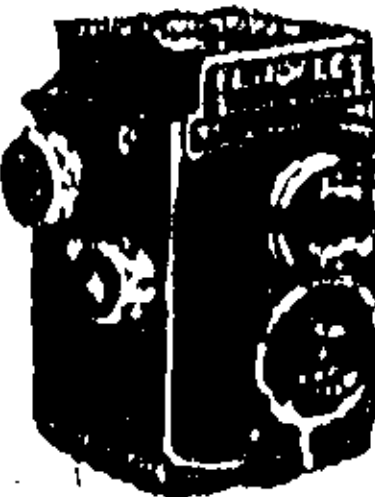
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ENGLAND, NEW ZEALAND DRAW IN TEST MATCH

VRC Swim Gala

The following is a list of the events down for decision at the Inter-Club Swimming Gala between Victoria Recreation Club and the Eastern Athletic Association to be held at the VRC on Saturday, June 18, at 9.30 p.m.

The contestants who will be taking part in the different events are also listed.

Event No. 1
Inter-club 50 yds. Free style:
Tsui Hang, W. Teo, (EAA); G. Roza Pereira, Eric Guest, (VRC).

Event No. 2
Inter-club 220 yds. Free style:
Cheong Kin-mann, Chan Ho-fok (EAA); F. Monteiro, J. Yvanovich (VRC).

Event No. 3
Club Members 75 yds. Individual Medley: (Members' League).

Event No. 4
Diving Exhibition: Wong Kin-wan, Chan Wai-san, (EAA); G. Saunders, Wang Sek-hon, Mrs. J. Hynes (VRC).

Event No. 5
Senior Boys 50 yds. Flutter Board Race: (Members' League).

Event No. 6
Inter-club 100 yds. Back-stroke:
W. Teo, Cheong Kin-mann (EAA); A. V. Lopes, D. Colloca (VRC).

Event No. 7
Members 100 yds. Free style: (Members' League).

Event No. 8
Inter-club 100 yds. Breast-stroke:
Leong Chak-to, Cheung Chung-yue (EAA); S.E. Carvalho, M. Roza (VRC).

Event No. 9
Ladies 50 yds. Back-stroke: (Members' League).

Event No. 10
Inter-club 4 x 50 yds. Free style Relay:
Tsui Hang, Tommy Kew, William Teo, Cheong Kin-mann (EAA); Guest, Gomes, Lawrence and Monteiro (VRC).

Water-polo Exhibition.—Eastern vs. VRC.

Goalie:
Wu Chio-kin, J. Brown
R. Back
Chung Ho Fook, B.R. Rasmussen
L. Back
K.W. Yeung, J. Hussain
Tommy Kew, W. Lawrence
W.K. Lo, J. Yvanovich
C. Ford
Tsui Hang, S. B. Mitford
L. Wing
K. M. Cheong, G. Roza Pereira

Reserves:
C. Y. Cheong, P. George
William Teo, A. V. Lopes
M. K. Kit, H. Winglee
Scoring: 1st, 3, 2nd, 2, 3rd, 1.
(Individual Events). 3 and 0 (Relay).

Leeds, June 14.

For one fleeting moment there seemed a faint possibility of a result in the first Test between England and New Zealand here today, but the inevitable happened and the match ended in a draw.

New Zealand were set to get 299 runs in 150 minutes, but time took its toll and when play ended the score stood at 195 for the loss of two second innings' wickets.

The remaining tourists' first innings wicket fell this morning with the total at 341 and England, starting 31 runs ahead, declared their second innings at 267 for four wickets.

England lost valuable time at the start of the day when they failed to dismiss the last New Zealand pair, Mooney and Cowie, for 55 minutes. The stand added 57 and England's lead was restricted to 31.

The dismissal of Hutton to the second ball of the innings came as a shock after the remarkable run of big scores by England's opening batsman. Attempting a glide, Hutton fell to a leg-side catch by the wicket-keeper.

Courageous Century
Cyril Washbrook hit a courageous century for England, despite the handicap of a pulled muscle practically throughout the innings. During the lunch interval he received treatment for the injured leg and upon resuming led England's onslaught. The New Zealand attack and 153 runs came in 80 minutes before the declaration.

Although he battled with greater freedom, Washbrook could not approach the rate of Compton and Mann.

Mann hit at practically every ball scored 40 in 35 minutes, including six and one four.

The absence of Compton reduced the New Zealand attack to only three recognised bowlers, and they were hard pressed to keep down the runs during the post-lunch period.

The New Zealanders made an encouraging start to get the required number of runs for a win and a result was not completely out of the picture when it is remembered that they obtained 100 runs an hour with their backs to the wall at one period in the first innings.

The pitch remained in perfect condition. The scoring rate, however, dropped after tea and New Zealand's chances of accomplishing anything dramatic steadily declined.

No Bowler Impressive
When the last hour arrived no England bowler looked impressive and the only interest remained in Sutcliffe's return to form, which must have given the tourists a great deal of satisfaction apart from their splendid performance.

Washbrook's lameness before the lunch interval had been caused by a pulled leg muscle, which, he said, was very painful. The injury occurred early in

the first innings.

The final scoreboard read:

England: 1st Innings 372
England: 2nd Innings 267
Hutton, c. Mooney, b. Cave 103
Edrich, b. Cave 70
Compton, c. Mooney, b. Cave 26
Wharton, b. Sutcliffe 12
Mann, not out 6

Total (for 4 wks. dec.): 267

Bowling O M R W
Cave 26 3 103 3
Donnelly 17 4 56 0
Rabone 18 2 57 0
Sutcliffe 4 1 17 1
Scott 1 0 9 0

Extras—Byes 4 Legbyes 2
New Zealand: 1st Innings 341
New Zealand: 2nd Innings 267
Sutcliffe, c. Bedder, b. Young 82
Scott, c. Bedder, b. Young 43
Smith, not out 13
Hutton, not out 13
Extras 6

Total (for two wks.): 195

Bowling O M R W
Bailey 9 0 51 0
Edrich 2 0 13 0
Hollies 11 3 33 0
Young 14 3 41 2
Hutton 3 0 23 0
Compton 1 0 5 0

Extras—Byes 1 Legbyes 2
New Zealand vs Hampshire

The teams were:
New Zealand: B. Sutcliffe, V.J. Scott, W.A. Hadley, J.H. Reid, M.P. Donnelly, F.B. Smith, G.O. Rabone, T.B. Burd, C. Burke, J.H. Hayes, G.F. Creswell.
Hampshire: M. McCorkell, N.H. Rogers, D. Gifford, J. Bailey, E.D.R. Zagar, J. Arnold, D. Shackleton, C. Walker, G. Hill, V.J. Ransom and C.J. Knox.

The weather was fine but dull when the New Zealand cricket tourists began their match against Hampshire today, and by lunch

"Enraptured" Brunette Shoots First Baseman

Chicago, June 15.

First baseman Eddie Waitkus of the Philadelphia Phillies was shot and seriously wounded by a brunette who said she was "enraptured" by him.

Waitkus was struck by a 22 calibre bullet that hit him in the right chest and lodged beneath his heart.

The girl who admitted the shooting identified herself as Ruth Steinlager, aged 19, of Chicago.

Police Captain John Warren said the girl told him she had been under treatment recently for nervous disorder.

X-rays showed that Waitkus' right lung was punctured by the bullet. Hospital authorities said he has a good chance of recovery.

According to Captain Warren, Miss Steinlager said "she was infatuated with Eddie for a long time" but admitted she had never spoken to him before until Tuesday night.

After watching him on Tuesday in a game in which he helped the Phillies beat Chicago Cubs 9-2, she "decided to do something about my infatuation for him." She told Captain Warren she bought a rifle with the intention of killing herself. Then she took a room in Waitkus' hotel and sent a bellboy to summon him to her room.

She said: "Pretty soon he knocked on the door, and I said I have got a little surprise for you." Then I ran to the closet, pulled out the rifle and shot him."

Waitkus is one of the outstanding first basemen in the National League.—United Press.

CRC Take Lead In "C" Division Tennis

Chinese Recreation Club "B" takes the lead in the "C" Division Colony Lawn Tennis League as a result of yesterday's "C" Division matches.

Visiting King's Park, they maintained their unbeaten record, scoring their third win of the season over Recreo by 8½ sets to ½.

Following closely with two wins and a draw is the South China Team, who yesterday soundly defeated Indian Recreation Club by nine sets to nil.

Kowloon Cricket Club went up to fourth place as a result of a close win over Ladies' Recreation Club by 6½ sets to 2½.

Craigswater also kept their unbeaten record by scoring a 6-1 win over United States Recreation Club in their second game of the season.

Men's "C" Division

CCC (B)—USRC (1)
Y. P. Choy and P. C. Y. (CCC) drew with Hancock and MacKrell 6-6, drew with Lindeman and Cannon 6-6, beat Carr and Hardwick 6-1.

B. W. Choy and H. T. Woo (CCC) beat Hancock and MacKrell 6-1, beat Lindeman and Cannon 6-1, beat Carr and Hardwick 6-1.

H. K. Chen and S. A. R. Bux (CCC) beat Hancock and MacKrell 6-4, beat Lindeman and Cannon 6-1, beat Carr and Hardwick 6-1.

LRC (2½)—KCC (8½)
Baker and Kempton (LRC) drew with D. Hung and F. Grosz.

time the county had scored 44 runs for four wickets.

Hampshire won the toss and decided to bat first on a good wicket. Cresswell struck an early blow for the New Zealanders when he induced Rovers to leave his ground and Reid, the tourists' second wicket-keeper, whipped off the balls with only five runs on the board.

In view of the New Zealanders' faltering trip from Leeds, the start was delayed for half an hour until 12 o'clock and an extra hour will be played tomorrow.

At 13 Hampshire lost another wicket, this time to Hayes, who developed considerable pace on the pitch. Guard attempted a drive but the ball flew high to Rabone in the slips.

Bailey, the left-hander, began with a four to the leg boundary but this proved to be his only stroke in 20 minutes before he gave Rabone his second slip catch off Cresswell.

Three wickets were down for 23 when Edgar joined the stub-born McCorkell. Cresswell dismissed McCorkell with a leg-before decision when the batsman tried a big hit to leg, and at lunch Hampshire had lost four wickets for 44 runs.

Hampshire's first innings:
McCorkell, lbw b Cresswell 11
Rogers, atumped Reid, b Cresswell 1
Guard, c Rabone, b Hayes 0
Bailey, c Rabone, b Cresswell 1
Edgar, not out 11
Arnold, not out 6
Extras 6

Total (for four) 44

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COUNTY CRICKET RESULTS

London, June 14.

A well deserved victory over Derbyshire enabled Worcestershire to run into a 24 points lead over their nearest rivals in the County cricket championship table.

Worcestershire now have 80 points from nine games, while Yorkshire, who were without a County fixture, have two games in hand.

Middlesex, who were also without a County game, remain in third place with 52 points from nine games, and Northamptonshire, who beat Hampshire, moved from seventh of fourth place, with 52 points from ten games.

Somerset occupy fifth place with 52 points from 10 games, followed by Kent and Surrey, each with 44 points. Surrey, with eight matches played, are a game in hand of Kent.

Leicestershire remain at the bottom of the table in spite of their win, as Hampshire managed to gain first innings points.

The results of the matches which ended today were:
At Lord's: Yorkshire beat Minor Counties by 130 runs. Yorkshire 231 and 250; Minor Counties 210 and 135 (Trueeman 8 for 70).

At The Oval: Gloucestershire beat Surrey by 40 runs. Gloucestershire 222 and 239; Surrey 178 and 253 (Squires 100).

At Loughborough: Leicestershire beat Nottinghamshire by an innings and 24 runs. Nottingham 176 and 254 (Winrow 73, Hardstaff 51, Welsh 8 for 133); Leicestershire 465 for 8 declared. Gloucestershire beat Hampshire by 94 runs. Northants 178 and 322 for 8 declared (Brookes 108 not out); Hampshire 187 and 218 (McCorkell 65, Garlick 6 for 42).

At Chesterfield: Worcestershire beat Derbyshire by 100 runs. Worcestershire 270 and 225 for 9 declared (Gladwin 8 for 72); Derbyshire 201 and 207 (Elliot 64, Gladwin 69).

At Hove: Sussex drew with Cambridge University. Sussex 275 and 265 for 7 declared (Cox 65, James Langridge 61); Cambridge 229 and 270 (Gordon 74, Duggan 69, Cornford 5 for 70).

At Oxford: Oxford University beat Middlesex by 117 runs. Oxford 360 for 7 declared and 104 for 6 declared (Hoffmeyer 72, Sharp 6 for 52); Middlesex 252 and 191 (Brown 68, Chesterton 4 for 43).—Router.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Sydney, June 14.

Australia will play five soccer Tests against the Yugoslav team which is due to arrive here next month. The Yugoslavs will play 16 games during their seven-week tour of Australia.—Router.

London, June 14.

The British Boxing Board of Control announced today (Tuesday) that it would recognise the winner of the Bruce Woodcock-Lee Savold bout as the world heavy-weight champion.—Associated Press.

Zagreb, June 14.

Yugoslavia gained a 2-1 lead over Sweden in their third round European Zone Davis Cup tie today by winning the doubles. The Yugoslav pair, Dragutin Mitic and Josef Palada, beat Lennart Berggren and Thore Johansson by 6-2, 7-6, 6-4.—Router.

Oso, June 14.

Spain's Danglelli, the Italian Olympic flyweight finalist, lost his first series' bout in a disqualification when the European amateur boxing championships were continued here tonight.

He was disqualified for holding against Kasperczak, of Poland.—Router.

Mrs. Cheshire, June 14.

James Adams, the powerfully-built Scottish-born Ryder Cup player, led the field with 68 after the first round in the Manchester Evening Chronicle's £1,500 golf tournament here today.

Tokyo, June 15.

The Japanese swimming sensation, Hiroko Furukawa, won the 200 metres freestyle in nine minutes, 41½ seconds last night at the All Japan Shrine pool, to better the American, Bill Smith's accepted world record of nine minutes, 50.9 seconds—for the fourth time.

The time was still slower than Furukawa's own best time of nine minutes, 41 seconds, which was set last year.—Router.

Ascot Gold Vase Falls To Foreigner

Ascot, June 14.

The four-day Ascot Royal meeting opened this afternoon in all its old-time pageantry and it was a large fashionable crowd which saw the big prize of the day, the two and a half miles Ascot Stakes, valued at £3,000, fall to the Egyptian, Mohammed Bay Sultan, with his lightly weighted outsider, Hilali.

This five-year-old, by Orthodox, and ridden by the apprentice, Frankie Durr, came with a storming finish to win by three-quarters of a length from Now or Never and Cider Apple, which the camera showed to have dead-heated for second place.

Hilali, who was 40 to 1 with the bookmakers, paid nearly 90 to 1 to win on the totalisator and 25 to 1 for a place. Now or Never started at 20 to 1 and Cider Apple at 100 to 6.

Before Hilali came up for sale as a yearling at which he changed hands for only 650 guineas, he was such a weakling that he was condemned to be shot.

His trainer, George Dibby, with patience made him the stout animal he is.

The other big prize, the Ascot Gold Vase, run over two miles, also fell to a foreigner, for it was won by the Chairman of the New York Jockey Club, Mr. William Woodward, with his three-year-old colt Last Eagle.

Like Eagle romped home with a comfortable four lengths lead on the French-bred Royal Fair, which was second, and the English-bred Fair Reformer, which was third.

Like Eagle, a 100 to 30 favourite, earned a £1,200 purse. Royal Empire, a 6 to 1 chance, was sold before the Derby, in which he ran unplaced, by the late M. Leon Volterra to the band leader, Mr. Jack Hilton. Fair Reformer started at 7 to 2.

Wonderful Day
Bakers had a wonderful day for apostles from the outsider's win in the Ascot Stakes, every first favourite won, Gordon Richards, the champion jockey, rode three of them.

The three-year-old filly, Pamplid, in the seven-furlong Queen Anne Stakes, starting at 7 to 4, left the field behind to win by eight lengths from the Irish challenger, High Endeavour. Richards rode Pamplid.

The Aga Khan's unbent grey colt, Palestine, a son of Fair Trial, easily won the five-furlong Coventry Stakes, starting at 1 to 1, in the field, behind of Gordon Richards, who got his third winner on the 11 to 1 favourite Faux Tirage in the St. James Palace Stakes, run over a mile in the last race of the day.

The other winner was Black Turkhan, in the Fern Hill Stakes of seven furlongs. She started at 11 to 4.

Before the meeting opened, the King and Queen, the Princesses, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and members of the Royal Household drove down the lovely green course in open carriages drawn by the renowned Windsor greys, with scarlet-coated outriders.

They entered the course at the golden gates at the far end of the track and drove in state to the Royal Enclosure.

The Royal party watched the racing from the flower-bedecked Royal Box in front of which stood the Royal servants in moss-green uniforms.

In the women's event, several of the lower-ranked Americans were beaten by British opponents, but the main United States challengers, Mrs. Du Pont, Miss Brough and Miss Moran, were firmly entrenched in the third round.

Among today's results were:
Men's singles, second round: R. Hanna (United States) beat S. Nimr (Egypt) by 6-4 and 6-4. G. Mulloy (United States) beat W. Choy (China) by 6-8 and 6-1.

Men's singles, third round: T. R. Schroeder (United States) beat K. Lavrovsk (Britain) by 6-3 and 6-3. Feliciacino Ampon (Philippines) beat J. Thomas (France) by 6-1 and 6-3.

Women's singles, second round: Mrs. M. Du Pont (United States) beat Mrs. R. Chandler (Britain) by 6-1 and 6-1. Miss G. Moran (United States) beat Miss G. Woodgate (Britain) by 6-3 and 6-1. Miss E. Fitch (Australia) beat Miss J. Fitch (Australia) by 6-3, 6-8, 8-6. Mrs. M. Blair (United States) beat Mrs. J. Boyer (Britain) by 6-0, 6-2. Miss K. Tucker (Britain) beat Miss A. McGuire (United States) by 6-3, 6-4. Mrs. B. Hillon (Britain) beat Miss G. Butler (United States) by 6-1 and 6-3.—Router.

Stars
1st, Janion (2) 15.40.40
2nd, Smith (6) 15.41.10
3rd, Furrer (3) 15.42.25
4th, Crichon (4) 15.43.40
5th, Wyckham-Martin (5) 15.44.15
6th, Reeding (1) 15.45.15
Key (7) D.N.F.

Sunday:
1st, Blackwood (2) 16.19.25
2nd, Youliffe (6) 16.20.35
3rd, Janion (4) 16.21.11
4th, Mallorie (3) 16.22.37
5th, Wyckham-Martin (5) 16.23.54
6th, Howell (1) 16.24.15

Dinghies
1st, Corbett (6) 16.19.07
2nd, Harrison (3) 16.20.55
3rd, Palfreyman (5) 16.24.20
4th, Glover (8) 16.25.49
5th, Heeding (4) 16.27.20
6th, Wise (14) 16.32.30
Barnett (2) D.N.F.

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